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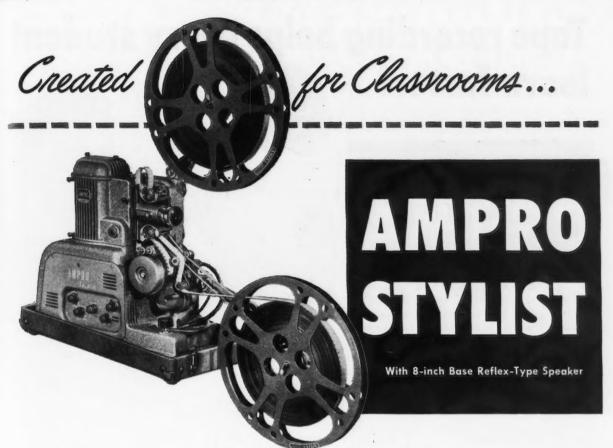
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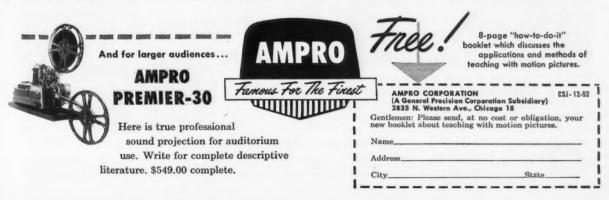
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We are thankful that we have been able, through the co-operation of the Sisters and other contributors, to bring you this year's installment of ideas and suggestions to help you in your daily work and your plans for the future. We are sorry that the contribution could not be even larger to compensate you for the extra work in overcrowded classrooms.

Your staff appreciates the kind words of encouragement and blessing incorporated in many letters you have sent to us, and also the fewer words of constructive criticism. We try to give you a balanced assortment of articles of special interest to administrators and of direct classroom aids. All readers, too, should understand that the advertisements are a necessary part of a journal. They not only provide the principal financial support of the magazine, but they keep the readers in touch with modern programs in buildings, supplies, and equipment. They, too, help to lighten your burden.

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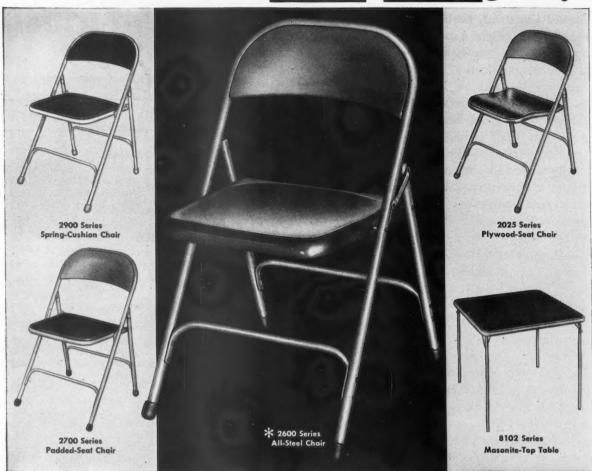
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### Evaluation of Audio-Visual Aids

George E. Vander Beke, Ph.D.\*

#### McGRAW-HILL FILMS

McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 330 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y., have released the following audio-visual aids:

#### Peoples of the Soviet Union

Here is a full descriptive survey of the U.S.S.R.—its geography, cities, varied peoples, occupations, and everyday living. The film pictures the many racial groups that make up the Soviet Union and gives an overall concept of this vast country with its many distinct peoples. Beginning with the people of Moscow and Leningrad, it shows, in quick succession, pictures of the Karelians, the Armenians, the Georgians, the Tartars, the Buryat-Mongolians, the Jews, the Ukrainians, the Uzbeks, and others, so that we come to know these people and see how they fit into the pattern of life in the Soviet Union.

With its revisions in line with the vastly altered position of the U.S.S.R. in the world picture, this film is an important documentary of life behind the Iron Curtain, and of the vast numbers of oppressed people who live there—people whose culture is centuries older than the superimposed Soviet indoctrination, and upon whose will to freedom depends, in part, the shape of future world events.

This thirty-three minute film, representing more than 150,000 miles of travel by American cameramen over a period of several years, is one of the few motion pictures ever made in Russia by foreigners.

#### Artisans of Florence

The famous Institute of Art furnishes the setting for a film which shows many phases of Italian art and handicrafts: ceramics, drawing, sculpture, leather tooling, silverwork, and jewelry design. The film gives an insight into Italian home life and agriculture, and closes with a "Festa dell'uva," the Feast of the Grapes. 20 minutes.

#### Mary Visits Poland

A study of the customs and ways of living of the people of Poland, skillfully narrated for school children by an American schoolgirl who is describing her trip of the previous summer to her parents' homeland. The villages, the hard work in the fields, the costumes of the men, women, and girls of her parents' native village of Cracow, and of the mountaineers in southern Poland, the colorful dances and music, the products raised, school life, weaving cloth, lacemaking, the decorative peasant crafts of embroidery and hand painting of dishes and furniture, and something of

the splendid Polish scenery all are shown in this short documentary film. 10 minutes.

#### Life in Great Britain Today Series

. Showing important aspects of life in contemporary Great Britain these films are in rich Kodachrome color. Music is based, for the most part, on British folk songs. Each film is about 13 minutes long.

#### Elements of Radio Servicing

A new series of six filmstrips for teaching basic elements of radio servicing is now available. This 35mm. silent filmstrip series deals with some of the more difficult concepts to be taught in radio servicing. The choice of topics is the result of a questionnaire which was sent out to teachers of radio, in an attempt to determine what aspects of the subject give students most trouble.

A series of developmental drawings has been used to illustrate these difficult concepts. In addition, clear, well captioned photographs give the student familiarity with the actual apparatus with which he is to work. Each strip is a complete lesson in itself with a summarizing review at the end. The series as a whole represents an expansion of the practical how-to-do-it approach of the book by Marcus and Levy, Elements of Radio Servicing.

These filmstrips were produced in close co-operation with the authors Marcus and Levy, both of whom have a wide background in radio instruction. Here are descriptions of the individual filmstrips:

1. Converter. Part I — Oscillator Stage (34 fr.)

The nature of an oscillation is depicted by a series of developmental drawings. Practical electronic oscillators are described, and the function of the oscillator stage in the superheterodyne receiver is presented.

2. Converter. Part II — Mixer Stage (36 fr.)

The problem of frequency conversion is broken down to a step-by-step presentation which solves a difficult teaching task. The mixer stage is integrated with the oscillator to give an over-all picture of the converter. Circuits used in modern receivers are illustrated. A concise summary highlights important points of superheterodyne operation.

3. Converter. Part III—Identification of Parts (39 fr.)

This filmstrip brings the student down to earth in identifying converter components in actual photographs of superheterodyne receivers. Service notes pertaining to testing and replacing converter parts are vividly portrayed.

4. How to Use the Signal Generator (39 fr.)

This servicing tool is described functionally. The operations of the controls are explained in detail as they are used in a basic generator. Similar controls are then identified on several commercial instruments. Illustrations showing how to connect the generator to receivers for various tests are presented.

5. Alignment. Part I — IF Amplifier (37 fr.)

Here the student is shown how to align the IF amplifier in superheterodyne receivers in a step-by-step procedure. Detailed diagrams and photographs clarify the generator-receiver-output meter connections as well as their adjustments.

6. Alignment. Part II — Front End (39 fr.)
The same clear procedure is continued, now showing connections and adjustments pertaining to the front end of the receiver. This includes adjustment of the oscillator, dial, mixer, RF stage, and wave trap, as well as notes on tracking.

#### JAM HANDY FILMS

The Jam Handy Corporation, 2900 East Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Mich., has released two new filmstrips: *Introduction to the Globe* and *Seasons, Weather and Climate*.

#### Introduction to the Globe

This film aims to give the young student of geography basic concepts about the earth by means of a globe. This basic information is imperative for all future skills in globe and map understanding.

The filmstrips focus the information where all the students can see, whereas it is very difficult and often impossible for all the students to observe the manipulation of a globe.

The Introduction to the Globe filmstrips serve as a starting point from which individuals and small groups of children can study the globe more effectively and meaningfully. The objectives sought are:

To arouse interest in the classroom globe and encourage individual and group study of the globe.

To help establish the understanding that a globe is a representation of the earth.

To help develop proper skills and attitudes in the use of a globe.

To help build a foundation for teaching essential geographic information and understanding.

To help to establish the relationship of general facts about the earth.

To create an awareness of the relationship between man and the earth.

The major learnings should be:

- 1. The earth is a round ball in space.
- The earth's surface is covered with land and water. There is much more water than land.
- 3. The large areas of land are continents; the large bodies of water are oceans.
- 4. Up is away from the center of the earth; down is toward the center of the earth.
- 5. Gravity pulls everything toward the center of the earth.

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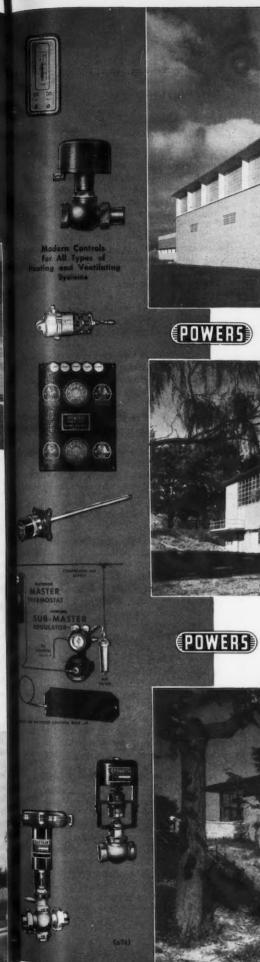
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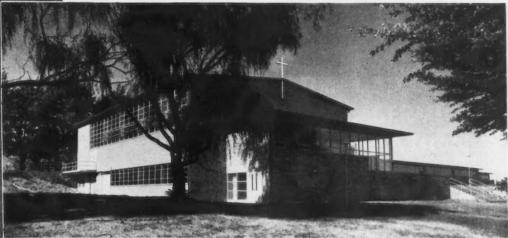
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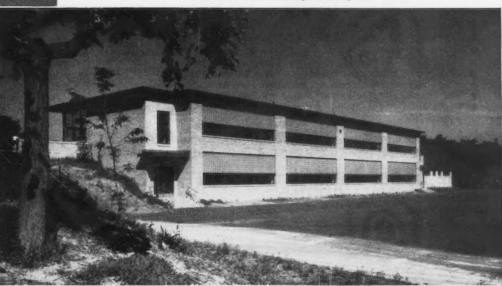


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6. The relation of north, south, east, and west on the globe.

7. Our earth is always spinning from west to east

8. The earth gets heat and light from the sun.

9. The spinning of our earth in relation to the sun gives us day and night.

10. The directness of the sun's rays affects the temperature of the earth.

11. Generally, the farther the distance from the equator, the colder the temperature.

12. High mountains are cold wherever they are found.

#### Seasons, Weather, and Climate

Seasons, Weather, and Climate develops concepts by analogies familiar to the pupil's experiences. These 179 pictures, supported by explicit text are designed to provide pictorial instruction helps to teachers in elementary and junior high school grades. The strips cover the following topics:

1. Our Earth in Motion - 39 frames The earth is always rotating on its axis. Rotation causes day and night.

We tell time by the earth's rotation.

As the earth revolves, its axis is always tipped in the same position.

Gravity keeps the earth in its orbit.

The earth's revolution gives us our year of 3651/4 days.

2. The Sun and Our Seasons - 41 frames The way the hemispheres tip toward or away from the sun causes the seasons and the length of days and nights.

The different temperatures of the seasons are caused by length of days, directness of the sun's rays, the amount of air through which the sun's rays pass.

3. What Is Weather - 37 frames

Weather affects our lives in many ways. Weather is made up of: temperatureuse of thermometer; precipitation - rain, snow, sleet, hail; wind—direction and speed; condition of sky—many types of clouds; humidity - relative amounts.

4. What Makes the Weather - 38 frames Wind is caused by heat from the sun. Heavier cold air falls and pushes up lighter

Precipitation occurs when air holding water vapor is cooled enough to form water or ice. Different conditions of the air cause rain, hail, snow, sleet, dew, frost, and fog.

5. Climate - 40 frames

Climate is the average of all the weather conditions of a place over a long period of

Climate affects our lives in many ways. Climate is affected by: the rays of the sun; tipping of the earth's axis; mountain ranges; oceans and lakes; altitude; vegetation; wind; ocean currents.

#### ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA FILMS

Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc., 1150 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Ill., announces the release of films in the field of nursing and nurse training. Thirty titles are included. The films cover biology, child development, first aid, diet, psychology, and related fields.

These films apply all the teaching power of the modern sound motion picture in fields of health and nursing instruction. They particularly exemplify why motion pictures are outstandingly successful in teaching such things as hidden biological processes, or in spanning

An example of this is the film Heart and Circulation. which exposes heart action in a way possible in no other media of instruction. Ears and Hearing is another of this purely instructional type included in the EBF library, where hidden processes are laid open for functional study.

A new series of human biology films also is included. This covers such titles as The Skeleton, Understanding Vitamins, Autibiotics, Allergies, Obesity, Problems of Fat Formation, Cancer and Mental Health.

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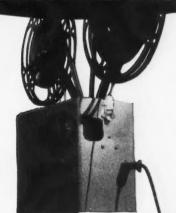
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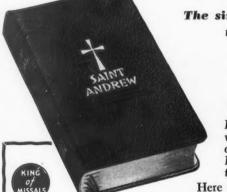
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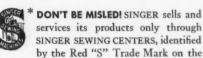
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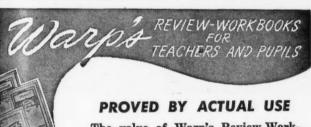
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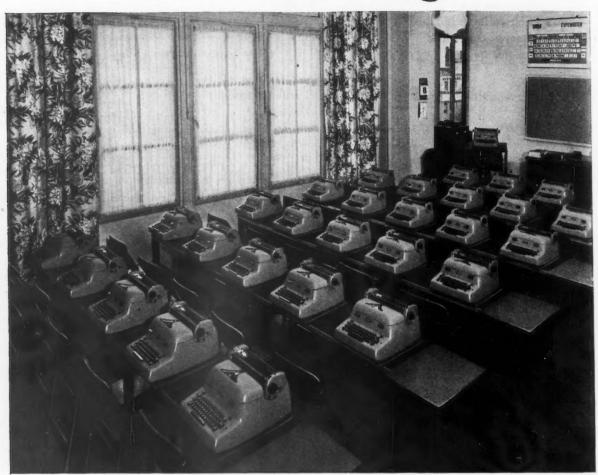
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# STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL GOVERNMENT

Sister M. Pauline, Ad.PP.S.\*

MANY Catholic schools are working out systems of student participation in government, and some have had such systems in operation for decades. Yet there are many schools whose administrators are rejecting or limiting severely student council and other quasi-governmental student organizations as not compatible with the Catholic position, and the needs of presentday high school boys and girls. After all, as one very zealous high school Sister said, the Catholic Church is well centralized, with steps of authority; and it is obedience that makes the Church what it is. Others cry that they are producing leaders, but where do such leaders take their following?

It is true that adolescents are insecure and at times reckless drivers of that most high-powered of creature vehicles, the human will. Yet the idea of student participation should not be put aside lightly. After all, to govern one's own actions is as heady a thrill as to drive a shiny new convertible. And because hot-rods in the moral life are even more dangerous than hot-rods on the highway, adolescents must be educated to an appreciation of their freedom and its proper use. To undertake the exercise of freedom when reaching maturity without previous practice according to true principles concerning the dignity and destiny of a human person would be dangerous indeed.

#### What Is Student Participation?

Two decades ago the term "student self-government" was popular. That term has been dropped, with good reason, not only

in Catholic circles where it was always viewed with some suspicion, but also in public schools. As E. E. Tompkins wrote in *School Activities* last year, there can be no such thing as student self-government, because the principal and teachers cannot give up their responsibility for the school. The more acceptable term today is "student participation in self-government."

The reason for the change is obvious. Many of the more grievous difficulties that have arisen in student council activities have been caused by a clouding of the true concept of authority. It is important, then, that student participation be limited to activities or steps in any activity which principals can in conscience allow pupils to control.

There is no use, however, to limit student participation so much that student council or student auxiliaries are merely official errand boys. Some control must be transferred or the terms are meaningless. None of the values claimed for student participation in government follow from the technique shown in the famous bulletin board announcement: "All the seniors will please volunteer to clean up the gymnasium at once."

Student participation, then, is defined as a clearly delimited sharing of control over certain nonadministrative and nonmagisterial areas of school life. To be successful, the sharing must be based on a clear understanding of the irremovable authority of God reflected in parents and teachers, and in the bishop who is the official teacher from God for his whole diocese.

This authority, it stands to reason, must be exercised as God Himself exercises authority, with full respect for the free will He has created. In ordinary details of everyday school life there should be recognition of the adolescent's growing power to think right thoughts and freely to will their application. Where possible without danger to students or school, boys and girls should be expected to formulate and work for the success of plans of their own in fields where there is room for opinion. This is not replacing teaching with disorder, but is itself a method of teaching. Such a method requires complete co-operation from the entire faculty. But the effect is well worth the effort.

#### Function of the Student Council

In many schools the student council and co-operating student organizations help exercise discipline in nonmoral matters, organize assembly programs, and manage all-school, fund-raising, or other campaigns. More fruitful areas for student activity, though fewer schools have attempted them, are a share in school planning, campaigns to improve school spirit or courtesy or other social virtues, a program to deepen interest in the more valuable school subjects or opportunities, a conscious share in bettering the school's public relations, safety drives, and an effort to increase civic-mindedness among the students. Other possible projects are to publish a handbook, to undertake to reduce the number of dropouts, plan youth meetings, improve attendance, campaign for a safe and sane Halloween.

We could never endorse on the high school level, where pupils are still in the formative years of adolescence, any illusion of self-government that included choosing or judging the faculty, determin-

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ing the curriculum, and the like, since these decisions are simply beyond either student ability or student jurisdiction.

#### A Student-Participation Setup

Specific help in setting up student participation is readily available in the public school magazines, since the actual working setup of some of the 18,000 or more councils now in operation in public high schools has been reported. Some very fine systems are also in operation in Catholic high schools, and the following is a composite of several described by teachers who have helped to launch them.

Our composite school of four hundred boys and girls has twelve home rooms, three in each high school class. The senior home rooms meet as a class unit to nominate potential student council officials. Practice varies; however, the limitation of power to nominate to upperclassmen, if done, is defended on the basis of the previous practice older students have had in the difficult business of picking good leaders. The principal may reserve the right to veto a nomination, when the student council is new; later, if possible, such guidance should become indirect, or be in terms of qualifications demanded rather than individual students barred by veto. A faculty-fixed slate of candidates for office is not ideal for purposes of student government. But experience shows that it is better to retain the veto power over candidates openly until the authorities are sure the students understand leadership qualities and will choose according to them than to give the right of nomination only to take it away again by an unscheduled exercise of veto power.

After nominations to the student offices, it is usual to have campaign speeches elaborating a definite program which the nominees promise to undertake if elected. The campaign promises are heard and weighed by the entire student body either in open convention of the whole school, or in the home rooms.

The voting in some schools is on a single ballot, with the pupil receiving the highest number of votes becoming president, the next vice-president, and so on; in this way no leaders will be kept from a lower office because running for a higher one. However, if plenty of good leader material is available, or if time permits, separate balloting, the more traditional way of voting for each office by name may be continued. In smaller schools one officer is elected

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in this way, and the rest of the officers are elected by the council itself.

A student council is formed of the officers thus elected and of home-room representatives, editors of school publications, presidents of school clubs, Sodality prefect, and chairmen of standing committees. Some high school administrators feel that the practice in leadership may be spread over more students if, instead of the heads of organizations having an ex officio place on the council, each organization elect a representative to the council. In any case, factors such as the size of the school and the number of clubs must be considered. Our composite school of four hundred would probably furnish too large a group for efficient planning, and so, in many cases, the officers of the council and a limited number of other major officers (such as the Sodality prefect) may

form a central council, with the other members forming an advisory council.

Meetings, usually biweekly, of the student council are reported to the next morning's home-room session by the home-room representatives. Thus the entire student body has an opportunity to discuss plans and learn what is expected of them in the particular business at hand. There is further expression of opinion, with guidance by home-room teachers when this is necessary or helpful; in this way the student body and the council remain in close contact.

In schools depending on bus service sufficient time is not always available for planning with the officers (under the guidance of principal or faculty adviser) and for full discussion and campaigning in the home rooms. Some principals, convinced of the teaching value of a live student participation program, simply take one of the regular class periods when necessary, rotating so that the same hour is not omitted too frequently.

Two-way traffic of ideas between student officials and student body is gained in larger schools by a student council mail-box and student council bulletin.

#### Difficulties of Student Participation

The following comments taken from an informal survey of high school teachers' opinion express some of the "cons" of student participation. Asked, "What dangers, limitations, or disadvantages do you see in student government?" a Sister answered: "The danger of the students' coming to believe, as happened in our school, that they can run everything; and that what the forum says goes, whether the faculty approves or not."

Another felt that "a leader is a leader when he has shown that he himself can be led. There is far too much usurpation of parental and school authority as it is."

Other teachers pointed out pomposity of student "leaders"; incorrect transfer of self-autonomy into home and curricular areas, with resultant friction with legitimate authority in home and school; bullying of the group by a student clique instead of rule by the faculty.

A Brother, a hearty believer in student government, notes: "Immature judgment, lack of prudence, jealousy, laziness, and other characteristics of youth will always be handicaps to self-government in high school. However, the dangers, limitations, and disadvantages should not deter us from attempting to do the best we can. Often it is much easier to do something yourself than to have a student do it, but it isn't always the best thing for the students."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A typical description of this kind is that of G. W. Castka, "School General Organization and Democratic Citizenship," in School Activities, 21:297-298 (May, 1950), reprinted in the National Association of Secondary School Principals' Bulletin, 35:101-105 (May, 1951).

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Examination of the above-listed difficulties certainly shows that to sponsor student participation is not easy. But it does not condemn such sponsorship as unwise. It merely emphasizes a truth we should never forget, that no method, no equipment, no textbook, can ever relieve us of our personal task of exerting influence on human wills "with all the patience of a teacher," as St. Paul said. A school is a place where mature personalities influence immature ones. In student self-government, as one teacher remarked, "anything is possible if the sponsor is holy enough."

#### Educational Values of Participation

Why should we take this difficult and time-consuming approach to character training in high school? The basic reason would seem to be the very difficulty of the task. For if human freedom is so hard to use wisely, and yet by the ordination of God we all must use it, the task of learning how to handle one's own will is surely deserving of professional time and effort.

Specific values that Catholic high school teachers see in the student sharing of school responsibilities, include:

Practice in planning and organization.

Responsibility, including the bearing of the brunt of failure, even financial failure. Loyalty and the reduction of criticism, arising from better rapport between faculty and students, deeper interest in and appreciation of the Catholic school, and more adequate guidance. Not only community-mindedness, but the necessary citizenship techniques to implement it—taking active part in campaigns, elections, floor discussion.

#### Practical Recommendations

Before finally undertaking student participation, principal, adviser-to-be, and faculty will want to study and plan carefully. Perhaps all that has been said in this article may be pivoted in a few basic principles which the whole faculty must accept and successfully get across to the student body that is going to be asked to participate actively in student affairs:

The mature human personality (one able freely to choose good) is the most sacred of created things. Its education is worth any price.

All learning is self-learning (cf. St. Thomas, De magistro); the teacher is a catalyst, a guide to inspire self-action, correct it when it is wrong, reward it with approval when it is right, thus encouraging further attempts.

Divine authority demands docile submission, but many areas of human life are matters of choice, and in a totalitarian age it is particularly important to make sure that such areas will not be controlled by wrong influences on students who are too passive.

Once the principles are established (as, theoretically, they already are in every Catholic school) there are some practical preliminaries to adoption of student participation. A semester or year of preparatory discussions will build up practical appreciation in the students of what student participation can do for them. Principal and faculty will decide what problems can be entrusted to the students.

Indirect guidance technique, with sufficient trust on the part of both students and faculty, will insure harmony. Young people are enthusiastic, but inexperienced, and so should be made to understand that their ideas may at times be imprudent or unwise, and that even in designated "student council areas" a good leader will take advice. Teachers tend to be perfectionists, but should concede that it may be better to have students make mistakes now and then than for clocklike maidenly precision to prevail. Machines, they should remember, often run more smoothly than men, but would they prefer machines to men?

A definite program of home-room guidance in which the leadership qualifications are taught is necessary before trusting students with elections. Most high school teachers know how much "date rating" and other characteristics not apropos to the situation influence student votes.

If, in consideration of all the material presented on the subject, faculty members are willing to sacrifice the artificiality of the formal garden for a more spontaneous though less predictable growth in human responsibility, the student council wisely conducted would seem to hold definite value for Catholic high schools.

# Teaching the Visually Handicapped

Sister M. Jamesine, O.S.U.\*

MEMBERS of human society enjoy certain basic political, social, and human rights, among the last being the right to function at a maximum level of personal satisfaction and social usefulness. The visually handicapped as well as the normally sighted have the right to as healthy a body as is humanly possible for them to have; they have the right to an education which is adapted to their needs and in accord with their religious beliefs; they have the right to social equality with sighted beings, and the right to economic independence which is a blackout of fear and want. These rights and many others

\*Sight-Saving Class, Our Mother of Sorrows School, 774 Eastern Parkway, Louisville 8, Ky. which flow from human nature itself should insure the position of the visually handicapped in society and enable them to establish themselves successfully therein.

The attitude of Christian society toward the handicapped includes a deeper aspect. Human beings have an intrinsic dignity which is a thing apart from any consideration of defect, enfeeblement, repulsiveness, or handicap. Human dignity is a precious privilege and a tremendous trust tabernacled within all men without exception, a quality inherent in man by his very nature. This is the cardinal principal underlying the Christian attitude toward the handicapped.

How are educators to apply these prin-

ciples? We must recognize the visually handicapped child as the subject of certain rights and realize in what measure it is our duty to aid him in the attainment of those rights. As Catholic educators we go a step further and claim our specific duty, namely our obligation to provide a Catholic education for all our Catholic children including the handicapped. Their right to an education adapted to their needs and in accord with their religious beliefs obviously implies the duty on our part to supply that education. In many instances we have had to turn away the handicapped, not because they cannot do the work but because the work has not been adjusted to their needs, not because they cannot reach our goal but

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Scenes in the Sight Saving Class. The tape recorder, pictures, textbooks in clear type, large chalk, pencils with dark lead, green chalkboards, and bulletin typewriters are some of the features.

because the goal has not been placed within their reach.

#### The Visually Handicapped Child

The term, visually handicabbed, includes two specific groups, namely the blind and the partially seeing. Here we are considering the partially seeing child, who, with the aid of suitable facilities and proper medical care is capable of gaining much knowledge through the channel of vision. The educational needs of the partially seeing child differ from those of the blind who must substitute the sense of touch for that of sight, whereas the partially seeing child still has the sense of sight. More specifically, the partially seeing child, educationally speaking, is the pupil whose vision is impaired to the point where his limitation may retard his regular grade progress or his vision become further impaired by the use of regular grade equipment. Children falling into this category are those whose visual acuity ranges between 20/70 and 20/200 in the better eye after all medical and optical care has been provided. Others included in this group are those with progressive eye difficulties or diseases which seriously affect vision. Children who are recovering from eye injuries and operations may also need special educational and psychological help for a period of time. Ultimately, any child who in the opinion of the ophthalmologist needs particular training because of his difficulty should be given consideration by the educational authorities according to the recommendations of the doctor.

It would be unreasonable to expect that the child with seriously impaired vision should or could take all class instruction with a normally visioned group under a regular classroom situation. Should we then draw the conclusion that the partially seeing child should be segregated in a group of his own kind to receive his education? This would be tantamount to adding handicap to handicap, for the partially seeing child is normal in all respects with the exception of his particular physical handicap. He should be enrolled in a class without sight difficulties on his own grade level and should take part in the regular curriculum and schedule whenever it is not of a nature to further endanger his vision. He should go to the sight-saving class and teacher only when those parts of the schedule that would overtax his visual capacity are engaged in by the class. At these times only and in the sight-saving room with special methods and equipment he will follow lessons similar in nature and content to those being held in the regular

#### Need for a Sight-Saving Class

The idea that special educational facilities should be provided for the partially seeing child originated in Great Britain in the year 1902. This resulted in the establishment of the first sight-saving class in the world in London in 1908. The first venture to aid this group in the United States was attempted in Roxbury, Mass., in 1913, and later in the same year in Cleveland, Ohio. According to statistics

issued by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, April, 1952, there are at present 686 sight-saving classes in the United States, the territory of Hawaii, and the District of Columbia, Of this number only three are operated by parochial school systems. Great is the need for this type of special education in our schools. One out of every four hundred children has a visual defect which prevents him from taking advantage of many of the educational opportunities which are offered to normally seeing children. There are 50,000 visually handicapped children in the United States. Blindness is on the increase in America. In America alone 420 persons lose their sight every week making a round number of 22,000 per year. Medical authorities tell us that at least half of these cases could have been prevented if proper measures were taken in due time. One of the chief measures advocated by these same authorities is the organization of sight-saving classes for partially seeing children.

Due to lack of proper facilities in parochial schools many of our Catholic partially seeing children are registered in the sight-saving classes in public schools. In some of our schools teachers who are already overburdened with crowded classrooms and who are overtaxed with the multiplicity of details and activities connected with the curriculum, are struggling without the aid of necessary equipment and training, to give the partially seeing child the education which is his right. Obviously, this is an injustice to the teacher and to the child.

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#### Objectives of the Sight-Saving Class

The immediate objective of the sightsaving class is to provide an education with the least possible eyestrain for the partially seeing child, to teach the child to use his eves correctly and effectively. Sight saving does not mean nonuse but rather correct and effective use of the eyes and it is on this principle that the sight-saving program is based. This objective is reached through the use of special physical equipment and educational media geared to meet the needs of the child. A classroom well lighted naturally and artificially is the first step toward the fulfillment of this goal. Correctly printed textbooks in clear type, large chalk, pencils with dark lead, green chalkboards, bulletin typewriters, and sound devices are some of the major features taking prominence in relieving the eyestrain of the child. The use of craft materials furnishes eye rest periods for the child and at the same time develops the sense of touch and brings out the creative abilities of the child. Various teaching techniques also work toward this immediate objective, such as instruction by word, picture, posters, and the like on eye hygiene and the proper care of the eye.

The ultimate objective of this special class is to prepare the partially seeing child to take his place in the world among normally sighted beings, to teach him how to live in terms of happiness and accom-

plishment rather than failure and frustration, for ultimately, teaching our children how to live is the only genuine curriculum. The chief educational technique employed in the striving for this objective is a psychological one. While taking cognizance of the handicap and limitations of the child. the educator must chart and stress the child's assets, try to develop new assets in him, lead the child to dream a realistic dream of what he can do in spite of his handicap, and furthermore help him to actualize this dream. The standard of accomplishment for the handicapped must be measured not so much in terms of scholastic achievement as in terms of human adjustment.

# Industrial Arts at Stepinac High School

Rev. Marion Schuetz, C.S.V.\*

DREAM of the Cardinal Archbishop of New York became a realization in September, 1948, when Archbishop Stepinac High School opened its doors. Since its inception, the school has done everything possible to make even more realistic the well-earned title given to Francis Cardinal Spellman - "The Cardinal of Education." To further the objective of every Catholic student in a Catholic school, Archbishop Stepinac High School offers an efficient industrial-arts program. His Eminence entrusted the establishment, direction, and teaching of this department to the Viatorian Fathers and Brothers of Chicago, Ill., as this religious community has men who are specialists in the field of industrial arts.

#### Courses Offered

The first year that the school was in operation only freshmen and sophomore students were admitted and a general comprehensive shop course was instituted as the practical approach to the oncoming program. Now a student may take a major in the field of industrial arts or may take any of the courses as an elective. The following year, courses for the junior year students included general woodwork, general electricity, and general metalwork. Additional classroom space and equipment was necessary to permit seniors to continue in the field of industrial arts, cabinet-

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making, photography, and radio electronics were added to the program schedule in 1951. This again called for added classroom space and great expenditures for the necessary equipment — all of which the diocese readily undertook because it understood the urgency of training our youth along these lines.

However, our efforts to give our youth of today that which they deserve did not end with the above because this present year has seen the addition of the student driver education course with both phases classroom and car instruction. This course was made possible through the co-operation of the local AAA and the local Pontiac automobile dealer. Archbishop Stepinac High School thus becomes the first Catholic boys high school in the Archdiocese of New York to grant this much needed training to its students. This is a one-semester, one-half-credit course. For the present year only two class groups per semester are being permitted to enroll in the course, but we hope to extend this opportunity to many more students in the coming school year.

Editor's Note. Catholic school executives who are considering the introduction of industrial arts will be glad to know what other schools are doing in this field. Next month Father Coyne, O.S.A., will resume his series of articles with a discussion of "What Is Vocational Education?"

The main purpose of this course is to produce not only better drivers among our teen-age lads through lessons in safety, courtesy, and proper driver and pedestrian attitudes, but also so they may assist others in cutting down accident fatalities. The day seems not too far distant when this course will become as mandatory in our high school curriculums as English and mathematics are now. Its necessity is well recognized by state and school authorities. The 1951 accident statistics are well worth pondering in this regard. "Young men and women under 25 constitute about 15 per cent of the total of all drivers. Yet they must accept the blame for more than 25 per cent of 1951's fatal accidents and almost 21 per cent of the nonfatal accidents."1 (These figures would not seem to include those large numbers of teen agers who are in the armed forces.) The time has come for school administrators to consider seriously their responsibility of making this a safer world in which to live. Stepinac, despite its youth in educational years, has joined in these ranks and invites others to join her and the other schools already having the safety programs in extending this opportunity to our American

#### Not a Vocational School

Archbishop Stepinac High School operates under a liberal arts charter granted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Travelers 1952 Book of Street and Highway Accident Data, p. 17.

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by the New York Board of Regents and hence is not a vocational high school. Judging from the objectives under which our industrial-arts department operates, it becomes evident that our program is not a vocational one. Through the teaching of proper and appropriate attitudes, skills, and knowledge, we endeavor to train, through accomplishment on the part of the student, youth fitted to step into adult life the more and better equipped as trained consumers so that they may profit by and be profitable to our democratic way of life. The program thus gives evidence of having an exploratory characteristic - but we might add, exploratory in a somewhat directive sense. The student is permitted to choose his projects but must adapt them in accordance with processes being taught and in line with his own capabilities - the directiveness of the teacher enters the picture here. Also, allowance for individual differences must be taken into consideration and compensations made.

#### Complete Facilities

All the advantages of a shop library and planning center located within the shop area are at the disposal of the student. Numerous reference works, related materials, project plans, and drawing tables and equipment are there for his use. A written procedure of operations must accompany every working drawing of each individual project. This plan of procedure has been found to be educational, practical, and economical as to time, material, and the learning process. A tested and thorough knowledge of each piece of equipment to be used in the making of each project is a prerequisite before beginning the project. All of the above holds true whether the student be enrolled in courses in wood, metal, electricity, or photography.

The electronics course, which stresses the radio element, aims to equip the youth for advanced work in this field of endeavor. Although not taught from the vocational point of view, nevertheless, the air or purpose of the course may seem to produce the same as a vocational course in this subject due to the fact that once a student has completed the electronics course he is eligible for work and/or training as a technician. We must bear in mind that there are many similarities in the fields of industrial and vocational arts.

#### Correlation and Separation

It has been our aim to correlate the industrial-arts program as much as possible with the other work of the school. Numerous examples could be cited. For example, in our setup mechanical drawing

forms a separate department and at least one year of mechanical drawing is urged for all students registering for the industrial-arts program. Four years of drawing courses are available. Likewise, because of the similarities of the fields, the art and photography programs are interrelated as much as possible as well as the chemistry and photography courses. However, the industrial-arts program includes its own special applied (shop) mathematics course taught by a member of the industrial-arts staff. Our relationship with the physics department has developed into an advanced physics (electronics) class which is being taught in the electronics laboratory by the physics instructor. Another step in the correlation of departments has brought about courses in communicative arts (radio dramatics) taught by the staff of the English department. These classes are conducted in the well-equipped radio studio which is in itself a division of the electronics department. This radio broadcast equipment has made possible another element of training which is of great value to our present-day student.

#### Accomplishment

Even though the aim of our program is not to prepare the boy for a trade as such, nevertheless industry has willingly accepted our graduates, and their abilities to do the job had been evidence of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes acquired. We feel that the success of our program speaks for itself. At present, with an enrollment of approximately 1200 students, about 20 per cent are taking advantage of the industrial-arts program.

# Grouping in Teaching Reading

Rev John A. O'Brien, Ph.D.\*

THE balanced basic reading program is one in which each child gets an opportunity to grow in reading abilities and skills at a time when he is able to grasp the ideas and skills presented. A lesson may be fine for most of your third grade or your eighth grade and yet may be a complete waste of time for little Mary Ellen or big slow-moving John Joseph. It is a program in which a child may grow in the ability to grasp ideas, relate them to one another in various ways, and use those ideas in the light of reason and past learning.

#### Planned Vocabulary Growth

If a child is to grow in the ability to get ideas from the printed page, the teaching of reading must provide vocabulary growth which is planned and adequate, and not left to chance. The plan must provide both exposure to a large vocabulary of useful words and a scientifically worked out word perception program in which the child actually masters several different methods of attacking words — the use of word-form clues, context clues, the structural analysis of words, the phonetic analysis of words and syllables, and the use of the dictionary for getting word meanings, pronunciations, and spelling. With this method the child's experience is utilized in helping him learn to read, and as his progress warrants it, his ability to read is utilized in helping him to broaden his experience.

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#### Variety of Material

The balanced basic reading program is one which opens the doorways of experience to a child by giving him groups of stories - used by the teacher as the core of units of reading experiences - which include all the types of reading material in the field of children's literature which are suitable to the interest level of the child. By the middle grades, the child whose reading program is balanced reads, in the course of a year, groups of stories in the areas of: (1) children's activities (the human-interest stories of the age level); (2) people of the past; (3) inventive science and discovery; (4) fancy and imagination; (5) people of other lands; (6) natural science; (7) biography; (8) child classics. For the past several years much emphasis has been placed on individual reading, on the individual development of the individual child's ability to perform. Certainly, every child must gain his own strength and develop his own power in reading, yet our emphasis upon the individual has in some cases caused us to forget how much all of us as individuals depend upon others for helping us shape our ideas and ways of thinking.

#### Groups Are Essential

The importance to a child of working in groups with others is so tremendous that we can only sympathize with the pupil who

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learns reading from a private tutor. The grouping of children for reading instruction is carried on in different ways. Probably the largest single factor in guiding teachers in the administration of a grouping plan is the need of each child for a certain measure of success, both in his work and in his relations with those around him.

The idea of grouping children according to ability means to some teachers that one group is less desirable than another. Unless a teacher is convinced that the group in which the child is placed is the best group for him, she shouldn't have him there. And if it is the best group for him, she should never by word or deed give the impression that to be changed to another group would be a reward or punishment. Instead it is merely a change because what they are doing now might be more interesting to him. This attitude of the teacher in regard to differences in pupil ability is most vital in Catholic education. The cruelty to innocent children that goes on in the name of "ability grouping" is unspeakable! A teacher must first convince herself that whether a child learns to read his first reader in grade one or whether he learns to read it in grade two is of minor importance, compared to whether he learns to read it happily and confidently sometime!

Some children learn to walk later than others. By the time they're five or six, you never know it! Some learn to talk later than others. Some learn to read later than others. Providing all these learnings come along eventually, there is no reason why they must be looked upon as anything more than slight deviations which require a little adjustment at the time, but which need have no serious aftereffects. Dividing children in the primary grades into groups along ability lines is feasible during a fair part of the basic reading time, having them move from group to group as their changes in ability and need indicate a change in group. This flexibility in groups is essential, of course, if the spasmodic changes in pupils' progress are to be recognized.

#### Use One Basic Program

Flexibility in grade one, and to some extent in grades two and three, requires that all groups be using the same basic reading program. The vocabulary of a series of books is progressive, and a sudden switching from one basic program to another in the middle of grade one, for example, may cause the child to be faced suddenly with 50 to 100 strange words and very few familiar ones. Using a different series of books for each reading group, then, would freeze the groups, so that it would be easier to keep a child in a group that is moving too fast or too slow for him

#### MATTER OF PRECISION

**Grace Stillman Minck\*** 

No matter how harsh the duty
That falls to the lot of man,
There is always so much of beauty
In the very least of God's plan.
No matter how dark and lonely
The trail a man must go,
There is Light to guide him, only
He must raise his eyes to the glow.

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than to try to help him over the big hurdle of mastering a new vocabulary.

#### Principles of Grouping

How does our knowledge of the nature and characteristics of children determine what is done in the modern reading program? In the first three grades we generally have three ability groups in the classroom. Usually about 55 to 60 per cent of the class works at an average rate, about 30 per cent move at an accelerated pace, and about 10 to 15 per cent require a slower speed and more reteaching. Each group has its own background: (1) for reading and vocabulary introduction, (2) guided reading (both silent and oral) and discussion, (3) practice skill work taught in a group situation and practiced by the child in his

workbook, (4) activities, and supplementary and library reading.

When children get to be 9, 10, and 11—when the opinion of the "gang" becomes more important than the opinion of either parent or teacher—it is highly essential that a child's prestige with the other children be guarded with more care than ever.

A simple three-group division of the class by abilities would probably not be desirable at this level, therefore, even if time permitted. Since primary teachers spend most of their time teaching reading and middle grade teachers seldom have more than an hour a day for it—some only 40 to 50 minutes—it would be impossible to have three completely separate reading groups anyway.

The handling of discussions and of grouping problems in your class is determined by an understanding of children of the ages you teach and an ever vigilant determination to remember that every child before you is important as a person — and that personal values must often take precedence over educational plans.

When these things go on in your class, in an atmosphere of warm friendliness and love, your program is based firmly on a knowledge of the needs and characteristics of your children. Your day-by-day and year-by-year program is developmental for every child, and your procedures are centered upon each pupil's personal development as a child of God.

### The Calendar for December

Dec. 1. St. Andrew, Apostle. The compiler of these notes on the calendar is being bold enough to start this first month of the Church year with a quotation from another calendar, namely "The Christian Life Calendar — 1953." Father Hafford, who writes the thoughts for the day in the latter calendar, has chosen for his theme this year the slogan: "You Can Change the World." For December 1 he says: "When Christ began to choose Apostles to carry on the work of changing the world, He began with St. Andrew and made him a fisher of men. Ask St. Andrew to help you be an apostle in 1952–53. Everybody should get in the act."

Dec. 3. St. Francis Xavier, Confessor, Patron of the Missions. Your pupils must learn the outstanding facts of his life.

Dec. 6. St. Nicholas, Bishop, Confessor. This is the children's saint. What do they know about him?

Dec. 8. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holyday of Obligation. Dec. 17, 19, 20. Ember Days.

Dec. 22. St. Thomas, Apostle. Three Apostles greet us in December. They can help us if we ask them.

Dec. 23. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. She became a citizen of the United States and died in Chicago in 1917.

Dec. 24. Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Fast and abstinence, even for workingmen.

Dec. 25. Christmas, Holyday of Obligation. Dec. 27. St. John, Apostle.

Dec. 28. Holy Innocents, Martyrs. The children should love this feast day.

#### SPECIAL COMMEMORATION

Dec. 15. Bill of Rights Day. This is the anniversary of the adoption by the states of the first ten amendments to the national Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights. This is a suitable occasion for a special school program to acquaint all the upper-grade and high school students with the meaning and significance of the protection which the Constitution guarantees to our citizens.

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#### Christmas Greetings

To you all, a Blessed Christmas and the Graces flowing from it throughout the year.

#### TERREFIELE FREEFERSTREFIELE

#### To Men of Good Will

It would be a great thing if in this season of blessedness and good will we could secure greater currency for the Catholic form of the message of the angels:

"Peace on earth to men of good will." The Protestant form of "Peace on earth, good will to men" makes no connection between the peace on earth and men of good will, except to repeat the idea of good will to men. A kind Providence has good will to men, but the emphasis we need in these days is on men of good will - the Christian spirit. For men of good will there is peace on earth - a phase of that peace which surpasseth human understanding.

In having good will we co-operate with God's grace and hear again from the Master, "My peace I give to you." - E. A. F.

#### The "Forgotten Man" of Education

One of the basic problems of education has been almost completely overlooked during the centuries. It has been hardly recognized as a problem at all. The main assumptions of education do not include it. That problem is the place, the purpose, and the participation of the student in the educational process. Education was something that was "done" to him, or it was something that was given to him. It was assumed that the only place it could happen was in schools, and teachers were the artificers. There was talk about teachers and studies and books and school buildings but hardly any about the student, unless he proved a hindrance or stumbling block and was considered in that phase of education called discipline.

One would think that the most obvious fact about education was the student. You almost could not fail to see him and vet educators were blind. He was a kind of vessel into which you poured what you thought was good for him or what society. through the course of study, thought good for him. Or he was viewed as having something called a mind, which was a tabula rasa, upon which the teacher could write at will what the school was there to teach. Or, if you were a behaviorist, you could fashion the young animal, for that is all he was conceived to be, into anything you wished to.

Or even more significant, following the great principles of industrial efficiency with our frequent automatic machinery, you could run him through the educational assembly line, and find at the end the human product in the form, make-up, and uses you had planned.

Such gross errors, misconceptions, and lack of insight makes it imperative to examine anew the whole educational process from the standpoint of the student. There have been men who realized the error of our ways and who had a fine insight into what education really is. In more recent times they have had some influence. There have been students in schools, particularly the colleges who have protested the oversight, neglect, and regimentation of students. They have even written significant reports about what happened to them in schools - and then doubted it was good.

One of the most significant things that could happen to education is for admin-

istrators, supervisors, teachers, textbook writers to take the student's view-to view all problems from his standpoint, A theory of education and a psychology of education, yes and a sociology of education written from the student's view could not but benefit education greatly.

Self-education of the student would become a central theme of such education. and self-activity, self-mastery, and selfdirection would become central ideas, nor would the concept of individual responsibility be wanting. In short here is a concept of education consistent with the high vocation to which man is called.

Try it in your classrooms, now and tomorrow and tomorrow, and see what a spiritual adventure teaching becomes. -E. A. F.

#### The Student and His Education, No. 2\*

#### The Awakened Student

What is the part of the student in the educative process itself? Let us grant that there are many just "floundering around," existing in a state of "general inactivity," and who really do not know what it's all about. But let us assume, too, that he did know what it is all about; what would he understand?

If in a flash of actual insight, or actual grace there were revealed to him his own place in the individual process, what would be his surprise? How would he express it? "Why, I have felt," he would say, "I have felt like an interloper here, but what a dreadful misunderstanding that was! I have felt that I expected to be given something and I see that I can get nothing except what I earn by my own efforts. I have felt that this was a market place and I could buy certain things, especially knowledge in many forms, facts, ideas, insights, particularly to help me earn a living and seek wealth. I have paid my tuition and the things are elusive, they are not carefully wrapped and delivered for future use. I have a queer notion that the cost of a thing here is not money but human lifemy life. I have felt that knowledge was going to school to have great fun, particularly the student activities at college, but while some of them were interesting, occasionally recreative, for a few these were the most valuable part of their four years at college, and for many a waste of time, a false emphasis, missing the raison d'être of the college.

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#### Schools Are for Students

In this awakening I found that as governments exist for people, so schools exist for students. I am the center of all this activity. Magnificent school buildings, spacious playgrounds, modern classrooms, teachers, books, equipment are brought together to make some change in me which my elders call education. I am the star of the educational activity, the rest is supporting cast, scenery, and props.

### Student, the Agent of His Own Education

An even greater revelation intimated in the last sentence of the preceding paragraph was that, though all this investment of money, foresight in planning, dedication of teacher, supervisor, and administrator for my benefit, to make me a better man, a better workman, a better Christian, the end could not be achieved without my active participation, and co-operation - in short, without my becoming through my own selfactivity, the creative force or agent in the process. This responsibility had not dawned upon me, I had laughed at Mr. Dooley's bringing his son into the dean's office, being asked by the dean what would you have our learned professors study for your son, but I had not realized this was their attitude and the attitude of my campus companions. We were there to take what was offered though we had the opportunity to a degree to elect some of what they were offering. On the college level, for example at Harvard, there were offered courses which it would take a student a lifetime to take.

# Student Unprepared for This Responsibility

It was indeed a great revelation to know that I was so important in the process of my education, but that I was the only indispensable factor in it. I felt what we students call a "lift" in spirit as the sense of personal responsibility became clearer. But poor me! What did I really want to become? What was my social destiny? Did I really connect my ultimate destiny with my education? What was needed to achieve such ends? Was what the schools were offering what I needed? Were the teachers capable of arousing me to fuller realization of my new sense of personal responsibility? For such questions I was not prepared, nor had I ever been consulted on such matters. This was so in elementary schools, in secondary schools, and in colleges. Though with the vogue of the elective system, and with its inevitable

chaos, schools and students were freed from completely prescribed curricula, and flexibility to meet widely varying human needs was possible. But neither educational anarchism or atomism was a means to the rational human formation of human beings in their physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual phases. Now let us see if we can at least understand and perhaps solve the problems of education as the student sees them. — E. A. F.

#### World Congress of the Lay Apostolate at Rome

#### III. Catholic Action and Individual Activity

In the Pope's allocution at the final audience to the World Congress of the Lay Apostolate he discussed the relation of the Catholic lay person and the hierarchy in the field not only of official Catholic action but of action outside of the official field. It is rare that this latter field of action is indicated and the opportunity and responsibility of it. The Pope said:

"We let it be understood that the dependence of the lay apostolate with respect to the hierarchy admits of gradations. Such dependence is most strict for Catholic Action, for Catholic Action indeed represents the official lav apostolate; it is an instrument in the hands of the hierarchy; it must be, as it were, a prolongation of its arm; it is by that very fact subject to the direction of the ecclesiastical superior. Other works of the lay apostolate, organized or not, may be left more to their free initiative, with all the latitude required by the ends to be attained. It is self-evident, however, that the initiative of the laity in the exercise of the apostolate must always remain within the limits of orthodoxy and not oppose the lawful prescriptions of the competent ecclesiastical authorities."

The final point of view expresses in the more specific statement how ecclestiastical superiors are to use the instrument of Catholic Action. Particularly significant is the indication of the need for initiation at the battle front. The ideal situation is then described as follows:

"When we compare the lay apostle, or more precisely the layman of Catholic Action, to an instrument in the hands of the hierarchy, according to the expression which has become current, we understand the comparison in this sense; namely that the ecclesiastical superiors use him in the manner in which the Creator and Lord uses rational creatures, as second causes,

'disposing of them with great favor' (Sap. 12, 18). Let the superior use these instruments then with a consciousness of their own responsibility, let him encourage them, suggesting enterprises to them and welcoming with a good will the enterprises which they suggest, approving them with breadth of mind, according to their timeliness. In decisive battles, it is often at the front that the most useful initiatives arise. The history of the Church offers us sufficiently numerous examples of this."

There is for every individual in his life the opportunity for many forms of action that cannot be well organized in advance. The sense of responsibility which every Christian ought to have ought to be felt as an inescapable personal responsibility. Think with the mind of the Church. Ordinarily individual and social life offers many opportunities, seemingly far from any possibilities of organized effort. But there must be in the mind of the Catholic definite knowledge and understanding of what is the mind of the Church and a personal mission to fulfill it. This must be conceived in humility and supported by prayer. — E. A. F.

#### Father Blesses Children

Time was when practically every phase of life was accompanied by a blessing. The number of blessings of the Church is legion. Msgr. Joseph P. Morrison, Chicago, president of the Vernacular Society and chairman of the advisory committee of the National Liturgical Conference points this out in a recent speech. What interests us in Milwaukee is that there is a blessing for beer, and he points out that in Latin America bread is blessed for the people to take home.

There is one suggestion he makes that teachers in school should call to the attention of parents at Home and School meetings, particularly when the fathers are present. He says: "How often does a modern father bless his children, make the Sign of the Cross over them? By nature, law, and Providence, he is head of the house. He has no right to abdicate that position of authority. Is there a better way of using it, than by calling God's blessing on those subject to that authority?"

He adds a point that may be noted at the same time regarding the saying of grace. He says: "In saying grace before meals, when the father comes to the words 'and these Thy gifts,' he should make the Sign of the Cross over the food on the table."

Such basic helpful suggestions at Home and School meetings would make them much more significant. — E. A. F.

# THE NEWBORN KING\*

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#### The Family That Prays Together Stays Together

CHARACTERS: Narrator, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Brown, Annie (age 6), Willie (age 4), Guardian Angel, Nurse, Dream Fairies, Mr. and Mrs. Santa, Little Elves, Group of Angels.

#### A Happy Family

[While Mr. Brown goes over his accounts, Mrs. Brown explains the story of the first Christmas to her two little children, Annie and Willie. After she answers their many questions, she bids them kneel at her side for evening prayers.]

MOTHER [closes book]: So that's the end of our bedtime story.

Annie: Poor Jesus, He must have been cold in that stable.

MOTHER: Yes, dear, He was but He didn't mind that because He was suffering for us.

WILLIE: Mother, did He cry when He saw all those animals?

MOTHER: No, Willie, He didn't cry for He made the animals and loved them.

Annie: And besides, Willie, how could He cry when His Mother was with Him?

MOTHER: That's true, Annie. His Mother was there to take care of Him. Do you know, children, that the greatest love God has He puts into the hearts of mothers? He does this because He wants them to take care of His little boys and girls so that they will be happy with Him forever in heaven.

WILLIE: Does Jesus like us to talk to Him,

MOTHER: Yes, my son, He does. When we talk to God we call that prayer. We tell Him something or we ask Him for something. And don't forget, little ones, that the polite way is to thank Him when He gives us what we ask.

Annie: When you ask Jesus for something, Mother, does He always give it to you?

MOTHER: Well, Annie, that depends. God always listens to prayer, but the answer is not always the same. It may be No, Yes, or Wait.

WILLIE: But suppose it is something you want, like a bicycle or a box of candy, then does He say No?

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MOTHER: Well, Willie, God knows what's best for us. So if the answer is Yes, be glad; . if it is No, look for something better; and if it is Wait, well, you just have to be patient and wait

Annie: My, but you love God! Don't you think so, Willie?

WILLIE: Of course she does and God loves her too. Isn't she the best mother in the whole world?

MOTHER: Now, little ones, it's past bedtime. Kneel here at my knee for your night prayers. No, Willie, here on the floor beside me. [He starts to bless himself with his left hand.] No, dear, this way, with your right hand. Now put your both hands together like mine and repeat after me.

CHILDREN [bless themselves and say the following prayer]:

Good night, sweet Jesus, my Saviour Good night, sweet Mary, my Mother I give you my heart, my soul, and my life To keep me from sin this night and forever.

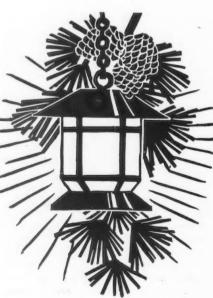
Amen.

Dear Jesus, bless Papa and Mamma, and
Annie and Willie. Amen.

MOTHER: That's my good children. Now say good night to Papa and then I'll put you to bed.

[Annie and Willie run to their father and climb into his lap for his good-night kiss.]

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[It is Christmas Eve, one year later. Annie and Willie are sad because angels, they were told, took their fond mother to heaven. But the sudden thought of Santa Claus urges them to rush into the study of their father to question him about old St. Nick. Visits from his children were always a pleasure for him but tonight he is worried over a financial difficulty and wishes to be left alone. So, since it is impossible to enjoy their innocent chatter, he orders them to bed earlier than usual.]

WILLIE: Papa, Papa.

FATHER: Yes, Willie, what is it? WILLIE: Guess what night this is?

FATHER: Guess what night this is . . . Thursday, of course.

Annie: He doesn't mean that, Papa, he means what special night.

FATHER: Special night . . .

ANNIE: Yes, Papa, it's Christmas Eve. FATHER [looks at calendar]: That's right, t is.

WILLIE: Yes, Papa, and it's the night before Jesus was born, too.

Annie: Yes, Papa, and ever since then Santa Claus comes. He slides down chimneys and brings good children all the things for which they ask.

WILLIE: No, Annie, Mother said we had to pray for the things we want. Then if they are good for us, Jesus will give them to us.

Annie: You're right, Willie, she did say that, didn't she?

FATHER: Now, little ones, Papa is very busy tonight. Some other time we shall talk about it. Run now and tuck yourselves under the blankets. It's too cold for you in here.

Annie: Oh, Papa, we won't mind the cold, will we, Willie?

WILLIE: No, Papa, we won't mind the cold and we'll be very quiet if you will only let us stay with you.

FATHER [picks up receiver]: James, please tell Nurse Gallagher to come to the library.

NURSE [enters]: Did you ring, Mr. Brown? FATHER: Yes, Miss Gallagher, I did. I wish Annie and Willie to retire early tonight. Come, my children, give me your good-night kiss and then Nurse Gallagher will take you to your

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NURSE: Come Annie, come Willie, do as your Father wishes. [Both give him their good-night kiss.]

FATHER: Now I can return to my work without interruption. [Works on his accounts.]

ANGEL [appears]: John.

FATHER [looks up]: Who are you? Why do you stand so still?

Angel: I am your guardian angel. Now that your work is finished, visit your children's nursery. [Angel vanishes.]

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#### An Answered Prayer

[We now find Annie and Willie in their nursery. They cannot sleep. Memories of their mother make them realize that they have forgotten to say their prayers. As they kneel, side by side, their fond father enters. So touched is he when he hears their prayer that he leaves at once to visit Santa. Before he returns dream fairies dance around the beds of the sleeping children.]

WILLIE: Annie, Annie.

Annie: Yes, Willie, what is it?

WILLIE: Are you sleeping?

ANNIE: No, Willie, I'm not. I just can't close my eyes. I'm so sorry for Papa. I wonder what Santa Claus will say when he passes our house tonight and doesn't see any lights? [Unknown to the children their father enters.]

WILLIE: I don't know. I suppose he'll think nobody lives here any more.

Annie: Maybe he will.

WILLIE: Well, why couldn't we make some light?

Annie: No, Willie, we can't do that. Papa said we were not to have any lights.

WILLIE: Not just a wee one?

Annie: No. Willie, Papa might see it and then it would worry him again.

WILLIE: But we won't get any toys.

Annie: Makes no difference, Willie, we must do as Papa says. But Willie . . .

WILLIE: Yes, Annie, what is it?

Annie: Know what?

WILLIE: What?

Annie: We forgot to say our prayers. When Mamma wanted anything she always prayed. And God always gave her everything for which she asked.

WILLIE: Well, why don't we pray to God and ask Him to send Santa Claus to us?

Annie: Yes, Willie, we could do that. I'm sure Papa won't be cross if God sends Santa Claus to us.

WILLIE: No, he won't. Why didn't we think of this before?

Annie: Come quick, Willie, and kneel beside me. Now hold your hands like mine. I'm the biggest, so I'll say mine first:

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Dear Jesus, bless Papa, and help him with his books. Mamma told us always to pray for the things we wanted and if they were good, You would give them to us. So please explain to Papa because tomorrow's Your birthday and I know You will want all little boys and girls to be happy. Please tell Santa that I'd like a crib set, the kind Mama told us about, then if You don't mind I'd like a tea set, a ring, and a doll. But most of all keep Papa kind and good. You know, dear Jesus, the way Mamma used to be. I guess that's all. Amen.

WILLIE: Dear Jesus, please tell Santa Claus to come to our house tonight and bring me a gun, some candy, and a sled. And then, dear Jesus, I'll be a good boy.

[Annie and Willie jump into bed.]

FATHER: My poor little children! Oh, what shall I do?

ANGEL [appears]: John, why not make their dreams come true? See Santa before his shop closes. [Angel vanishes as father leaves. Then a group of fairies enter and dance and sing around the beds of the sleeping children.]

#### IV

#### Santa's Visit

[As the clock strikes twelve, Mr. Brown rushes into the nursery of his sleeping children. He calls Santa to hurry. So with the help of old St. Nick's little elves and Lady Santa, a once fond father finds his lost happiness. Before he retires, he bends over his sleeping children and wishes them pleasant dreams.]

FATHER [helps Santa to put the tree in place]: Come on, Santa, we've got to hurry.

SANTA: Sure, sure. My, but it's warm in here. [Rubs hands.]

LADY SANTA: Tiptoe, little elves, the darlings might wake and I'm sure you wouldn't want to spoil their Christmas thrill, would you?

ELVES: No, no, Lady, we wouldn't. [They put sled in place.]

FATHER: Come here, you little monkeys, and help Lady Santa set the table for tea. And you, Sandy Andy, put Annie's new doll on the rocker. Ah! a doll carriage—just the thing for Annie's new doll. What's this? Willie's Teddy Bear in a doll carriage! You should know better than this, Handy Pandy.

Santa: And now for the toy soldiers. . . . Where shall we put them?

FATHER: Right here, Santa, beside Willie's new sled.

Lady Santa [opens box]: The best gift of all. Annie's new crib set. [Little elves help Lady Santa arrange set.] St. Joseph! Our Lady! The Baby Jesus!

FATHER [opens last package]: I wonder what's in this? Ah, I see, an image of old St. Nick. Here, Sunny Bunny, take this. Now let me hold you while you put it on the top of the tree.

LADY SANTA: And now, Santa, you forgot something.

SANTA: Forgot something . . .

LADY SANTA: Yes, you forgot a gift for this kind father.

FATHER: No, dear lady, I have my gift for I found it in making others happy tonight.

Santa: If you have found that, my friend, you are indeed a lucky man.

FATHER: Ah, I'm afraid I've been a very foolish one. But with God's help I hope to spend more time with my motherless children.

Santa: I'm glad to hear you say that. You know there is an old saying: "Unless you become as a little child you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Good night, Sir, and God bless you.

FATHER [to sleeping children]: Sleep on, sleep on, my little ones, your prayers have been answered.

#### V

#### His Birthday Party

[Annie is the first to awake. What joy there is when she finds that Santa did come. As she calls Willie she hears her father's footsteps. To their surprise he soon shares their joys. All three kneel before Annie's new crib set and give thanks to the only one who can bring joy into a troubled world. Mindful of her mother's advice, Annie plans a birthday party so that they may give thanks to the Giver of

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their joy. As their hands are clasped in prayer, Christmas carols are heard and once again they hear the angel's song of that silent night, more than 1900 years ago. And they soon learn that the family that prays together stays together.

Annie: Willie, Willie, wake up.

WILLIE: What is it, Annie, did Santa Claus come?

Annie: Oh, yes, he did and he brought us ever so many things. Do come and look.

WILLIE: Oh, Annie, look at my new sled and all the toy soldiers.

Annie [spies father]: Papa, Papa, come quick. Santa Claus did come.

FATHER: Yes, Annie, I know he did, my dear.

WILLIE: It's because we prayed, Papa, like Mamma told us to and then Jesus sent Santa to us with all these toys.

Annie: Wasn't Santa Claus good, Papa? See, he brought us many more gifts than we asked. I wonder how he knew what we wanted?

WILLIE: It's because God listened to our prayers, Annie, and the answer was "Yes," wasn't it, Papa?

FATHER: Yes, my son, God heard our prayers and He knew, too, that you asked for more than just toys and games.

Annie: Yes, Papa, that's true, we did. We asked God to bless you and make you love us the way Mamma did.

FATHER: And I do, my darlings, I do and I always shall. God has been very good to us all, hasn't He?

WILLIE: Yes, Papa, God has been very good to us.

Annie: Papa, let's thank Jesus, right now for all He has done for us.

WILLIE: Yes, Papa, let's kneel before Annie's new crib set. [All kneel.]

FATHER: All right, my little ones, anything to please you.

WILLIE: Thank You, Baby Jesus, for sending Santa to us.

Annie: Dear Jesus, thank You for making

Papa so happy.

FATHER: Thank You, dear Jesus, for giving

me such precious children.

Annie: Papa, let's have a birthday party

for the Infant Jesus.
WILLIE: Yes, Papa, let's sit at Annie's new

table. [All sit but Annie.]

Annie: Oh, Papa, you forgot to say grace.

Don't you remember the way you used to say it before Mamma died?

FATHER: Yes, my child, I do. Willie, stand up. [All three say grace.]

ANGEL: And don't forget, Mr. Brown, that the family that prays together stays together.



- G. C. Harmon

[The curtain is drawn and a group of angels sing "Silent Night."]

#### VI

#### Dawn of a New Era

[We now come to the dawn of a new era, the "Age of Mary." Santa Claus steps aside until Christian mothers lead Christ's little ones to the crib of Bethlehem where they are taught to offer Him their baby sacrifices before they think of their own gifts. They do this because Christmas is the birthday of our Infant King. We now find Annie happily married ever ready to tell a story to her children. Uncle Willie is the delight of their heart when they see him dressed in army uniform. And

Grandpa! though old and crippled still remains the King of the Old Homestead, with a loving daughter, a kind son-in-law, and many happy grandchildren as his subjects.]

LAURA: Mommie, doesn't Santa Claus slide down chimneys any more?

MOTHER: No, dear, he doesn't. You see he knows it's the Baby Jesus' birthday. So Santa wants us to visit the crib first. He wants us to give our gifts to Him before we receive our own.

CHARLES: When you were a little girl, Mommie, did you visit the crib?

MOTHER: Only when we went to Mass. You see, Charles, in those days we had crib sets in our own homes. Usually they were placed under the Christmas tree.

Anne: Is Santa Claus a real saint, Mom-mie?

MOTHER: Yes, Anne, he is. We celebrate his feast on the sixth day of December. Like the Infant Saviour, he loved to give gifts. For this reason his name became connected with Christmas.

JACKIE: I wonder what kind of Christmas gifts the Baby Jesus would like?

MOTHER: Gifts of sacrifice, my son, are usually the gifts He likes best.

ANNE: Mother, what are they?

MOTHER: It's a long story, Anne. You see, my children, some years ago the world seemed to forget God. Wars broke out and soon no country could boast of peace. Then in the year of 1917 God's Mother came to earth and spoke to three little children. She promised that there would be peace and that Russia would be converted if only all nations would say the Rosary, pray, and offer sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

Laura: And did the people listen to God's Mother, Mommie?

MOTHER: Some did, my child, but not all. So that is why Santa wants little children to be taught to give rather than to receive. So, my darlings, are you all ready with your gifts?

CHILDREN: Yes, Mother, we're all ready.

MOTHER: Come, tell me silently the sacrifice each of you have in mind. [Then Charles, Anne, Jackie, and Baby Laura whisper a secret in their mother's ear for only God to understand its worth. Then as the last one finishes she says]: How proud I am to have such sacrificing children.

GRANDPA [enters]: And how proud I am to have such a worthy daughter to give me such precious grandchildren. [As they gather about him he recalls the words, the slogan of today: The family that prays together stays together.]

[The End]

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# Practical Aids for the Teacher

# Occupational Guidance

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It has been aptly said that putting on the robe of Solomon to counsel a younger generation may be more a sign of advancing age than one of wisdom. Nevertheless, in this ever changing and complex world, students are confused and often turn to us, asking, "What shall we do?" To give a boy or a girl an awareness of the many kinds of occupations available, and a better understanding of his own interests, aptitudes, and abilities is within the reach of every school.

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#### Getting Started

At Bishop Noll High School, in co-operation with the principal, we planned an occupational information service for the students. We decided to use a small classroom, for this could include an occupational information library; a testing center with a battery of interest, aptitude, mental ability, and personality tests; catalogues from the nearby colleges and vocational schools; and religious vocational literature from the communities in our area. As a full-time guidance counselor was not available to carry out all that our plans involved, we appointed committees of responsible seniors and juniors to assist in collecting and in arranging materials before announcing the service to the students.

For equipping the vocational library, we followed the suggestions found in the handbook. How to Build an Occupational Information Library,1 and in the Dictionary of Occubational Titles.2 Committee members then sent out between two and three hundred form cards asking for occupational information briefs, and pamphlets from addresses taken from the Educators Progress Service.3 occupational guidance magazines, and from a list of industrial companies. This material was classified, numbered, stamped, and filed in folders to serve as an occupational information kit. The girls compiled a classified file, typing individual cards for every piece of occupational material. Educational bulletins and literature on religious vocations were arranged on two long tables - one for the girls, and another for the boys. Bulletin boards called attention to the main features of our

As soon as these preliminary preparations were completed, we announced a vocational information day. The school bulletin carried a substantial article describing the guidance program, and invited all students to visit the occupational room. The principal assembled the seniors and juniors, supplementing the account in the school bulletin with a fuller explanation of the purpose of the service. He brought to their attention the importance of making a careful survey of the occupational field before choosing a vocation. A motion picture showing the purpose and usefulness of the tests was obtained for the opening day. along with another film, on "How to Apply for a Job." A mimeographed sheet listing two hundred principal occupations classified under eight major groups was given to each senior and junior, along with a questionnaire to be filled in, concerning his occupational choice, his interest in the testing service, and his desire for advice from the counselor. More than 80 per cent of the upperclassmen in a school of twelve hundred students answered the questionnaires, and expressed their desire to avail themselves of the help offered in this information center.

#### Tests for the Students

A battery of tests provided an objective instrument for appraising the students' interests, aptitudes, abilities, and personalities, and relating them to their lifework. These tests helped the student to think for himself, for guidance is only suggestive. The Kuder Preference Record was given first, to measure the ten major areas of vocational interest - outdoor, mechanical, computational, scientific, persuasive, artistic, literary, musical, social service, and clerical. The individual graph accompanying the test reveals the student's major fields of interest and his particular area of interest. This profile also serves to organize the reviewing of the whole field of occupations. For, after examining results of the test, the student refers to an accompanying handbook for a list of possible fields of work in which he is most likely to succeed, based on his interests. At this time he is often alerted to an occupation in keeping with his interest preference, with which he was not previously familiar. For example, if the two highest interests are artistic and mechanical. the student will discover among a list of occupations under the heading, artistic-mechanical, such careers as city planning engineer, dental technician, occupational therapist, automobile designer, taxidermist, and milliner. These vocations are studied in the light of the pupils' abilities. Interest scores do not substitute for aptitude scores. For if the desired occupation is not well known to the student, or if he has been influenced by the fact that the occupation involves honor or prestige in the eyes of other adolescents, his selection may be unsatisfactory. Therefore aptitude tests in these interest fields were offered. If the result of the aptitude test was favorable, the boy who aspired to become a city planning engineer, or the girl who planned to train as a dental technician, looked in the card file for the number of the occupation folder. There were career briefs, brochures, and books in the library giving the information and helps they wanted regarding these occupations.

Career material published by the Institute for Research and the Department of Labor are not written to influence students. These surveys are disinterested research accounts of the employment on a national basis, supplying accurate occupational information which may result in a lifetime of happiness in a career. The reports describe the attractive and unattractive side of the occupation, opportunities for promotion, personal qualifications required, and also earnings; they acquaint the pupil with a typical day's work, and give information about the particular type of work. If the desired occupation requires a college preparation or a special vocational training, the pupil then refers for further information to one of the educational catalogues.

#### Individual Guidance

The students were encouraged to seek individual guidance from the principal, from the deans, or from their teachers. From time to time, however, over the public-address system, the principal brought before the minds of the students the apostolate of the Christophers. He impressed upon them their responsibility to bring Christ into their vocations, especially by their example. In their dealings with their fellow men in industry, they must show that their actions are determined by their Christian convictions of honesty and charity. Through group conferences, career guidance school literature, bulletin board reminders, the students are urged to enter one of the six fields of influence as a career: education, government, labor relations, communications, social service, and library work, and strive to restore the Christian heritage of our country.

#### Contacting Industries

Two senior boys were appointed to visit each of the larger industries in the area, and invite their occupational directors to the school. Throughout the entire year, when rep-

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resentatives came, or when an adviser from a college or a hospital desired to recruit members, he was announced to the seniors, and any student interested had an opportunity of going to the occupational room for an inter-

Part of our long-range plans call for a religious vocation day, a college day, and an occupational evening. On each one of these occasions, we will invite a group of vocational advisers from religious communities, colleges, and industries to interview students and their parents. These projects could be planned and carried out more successfully if a fulltime counselor were available. Such a counselor would have an opportunity to accumulate and interpret fuller guidance records and a more effective follow-up program.

Every home-room sponsor and teacher is an indispensable part of the program. She collects and distributes occupational information, makes direct contacts with the student, and prepares herself to give vocational guidance. Occupational magazine racks, with free and inexpensive literature, installed in classrooms interest many. Magazines published by most industrial organizations explain excellent parttime educational and work programs. Films from industrial companies show the techniques in their work, and also take the student, as it were, on a tour through the plant, the office, research laboratories, public relations, sales departments, and testing rooms.

#### The Right Choice

Occupational information tends to break down the prevalent notion that it is more respectable and honorable to become an office worker than an electrician. It helps to develop right attitudes toward the dignity of honest labor. Some of the timely advice to youth about occupational opportunities given by the president of a large industrial corporation may be summarized in this way: "Nowadays a large proportion of boys seem to have one ambition: to sit at a desk with a telephone on it, and a buzzer with a secretary to answer. Something is wrong with this ideal. Why do they want to begin life's work and live a life in a white collar? They are neither soft nor lazy. Maybe in our reverence for book learning we have forgotten there is a valuable education which flows into the mind through using the hands. Perhaps the pioneer's aspiration for learning has decayed into a snobbery which considers it more socially desirable to dictate to a stenographer than to direct a crew of mechanics. That is not the true American tradition, for George Washington was for years a hard-working surveyor; Thomas Jefferson was a gifted designer of useful appliances; and Benjamin Franklin was a journeyman printer, an inventor, and the best electrician of his age."4

William S. Knudsen, "If I Were 21," reprint from The American Magazine, June, 1939, pp. 3-5.

#### [Tableau: Holy Family; Carol: "Winds Through the Olive Trees."]

What voices these that ring ALL: MED. & LIGHT: Out tidings of great joy To interrupt a night so stilled LIGHT: As this, and hasten shepherds

MED. & LIGHT: To see prophecy fulfilled? Whose the hurried footfalls The labored breath and DARK: whispered

off

MED.: Words of explanation Who offered trembling lambs ALL:

to Him MED.: In acts of adoration? ALT: From whence such caravan Of majestic dromedary, DARK . MED. & DARK: Of purpled royalty who

brought ALL: Gold, and myrrh, and frank-

incense DARK: To the King whom they had

sought? ALL: They were shepherds who had

hastened. LIGHT: Angels, who had come to sing His glory, and Wise Men, MED.:

praising ALL: The Son of David, Shepherd-King.

[Tableau: Holy Family, shepherds, angels, and kings; Carol: "March of the Three

Kings."] ALL: Hear you not the voices LIGHT: Of angels seeping through

The noisiness of life and still MED. & LIGHT: Proclaiming peace on earth To men of goodly will?

ALL: Seek you Bethlehem, 0 World.

MED . Whose fevered longings reach

MED. & DARK: Grasp at wealth and sword? Hasten, kneel before the ALL: manger

MED. & DARK: And look upon your Lord. Think you it makes a ALL: difference

MED. & DARK: If you are king or shepherd, MED.: Or matters it what tongue you speak?

LIGHT: Peace will light your weary hearts

MED. & LIGHT: If it be Christ you seek. LIGHT: Come from the snow-bound

mountains. MED.: From desert, plain, or shore,

DARK: But come, 0 World, in brotherhood

Come! Let us adore!

[Tableau: Holy Family, shepherds, angels, kings, children of all lands; Carol: "Adeste Fidelis" or "Silent Night" - singing a verse in French, Spanish, German, and English.

### LET US ADORE

### A Short Christmas Program for Junior or Senior High School

Sister Mary Jean, C.S.J. \*

[Opening carol: "Ring Christmas Bells.]\*\*

ALL: "And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt amongst us."

Oh what this Word made ALL: Flesh

MED. & DARK: Spoken and encradled In a virgin's soft embrace, MED.: MED. & LIGHT: Whose stubby baby fingers LIGHT:

Would wield such floods of grace?

Who, this Virgin-Mother ALL: On whose countenance MED. & LIGHT: Is eternal love reflected,

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\*\*All carols and tableaux are merely suggested.

MED. & DARK: Shadowed, shadowed in the knowing

That her Babe should be re-DARK: jected? Whose the lanterned hand ALL:

LIGHT: Raised to give assurance MED. & DARK: In the mottled shadows dim, DARK: With virility of manhood, comfort

ALL: In the strength of Him? It is Jesus, Saviour, Emman-ALL: uel.

> The Uttered Word on earth, Joseph, shadow of the Father, and

MED. & LIGHT: Mary, who gave Him birth.

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# Planning Pays

Sister Mona Marie, C.S.J., A.B.\*

We were approaching the last of those trying days which immediately precede the Christmas holidays. Previous experience had taught me that on the actual day of dismissal, student attention and enthusiasm for class work hit a new "low." Their thought, individually and collectively, seemed to be: "Christmas holidays begin tomorrow; why not start today." Last year, I had been physically exhausted at the end of the day. I felt, therefore, it would be a tremendous achievement if I could devise some means whereby all that surplus energy would be used to profit and not entirely wasted.

#### Applied Shorthand

Early on the might-have-been-fatal morning I hurried to the classroom and filled the boards with humorous anecdotes, all written in shorthand. Just to give an added touch, I wrote the outlines with colored chalk.

When the bell rang, I stood just outside the classroom door. As the class assembled, I had one ear tuned to the interior of the room, trying to hear how my plan was working out. At the sound of the first giggle from a girl, I knew someone was catching on.

I entered the room; we said our ejaculation. You can imagine my elation when a redheaded boy who usually tried to see how much time he could squander before getting down to work, said, "Sister, let me read the first joke, will you?" So Pat read the first one and we spent some time reading the rest; sometimes individually, if it were easy; sometimes collectively, if it were more difficult. They spelled the hard outlines just as they would have done had they been reading a lesson from the book, only their faces wore happy smiles instead of that look which says: "Do we have to work today?"

When we finished reading everything on the blackboard, everyone agreed it was fun. Then the students opened their shorthand notebooks with a look of "Guess we'll have to do some work now" when I played my ace by saying:

"How would you like to dictate to yourselves today—by singing Christmas carols and taking them in shorthand as you sing them?" The response was unanimous, instantaneous, and enthusiastic. They made their own selections, though I cautioned them to choose only those which could be sung rather slowly as this was a junior shorthand class. Before beginning the song, I placed a few of the more difficult outlines on the black-

board and we handled them as we would have handled them in a regular lesson. Some carols we sang and wrote once; others oftener.

Even if their happy faces had not indicated that they were enjoying the work — for we were really working hard though they didn't know it — I would have known it when the bell rang. They were in the middle of a selection; no one moved, everyone kept on singing and writing, until the song was completed. Their comments as they went out were: "Wasn't that fun?" "Hope we do it often."

The next class (which was also junior shorthand) knew what we had done in the first class. They, too, enjoyed it as much, perhaps even more, as they had greater speed as a group.

#### In Typing, Also

When the typing classes assembled in the afternoon, I met the same students who had been in my shorthand classes. They were quite certain we couldn't sing in typing. Their comment was: "Sister, we didn't work in shorthand this morning; we shouldn't have to work in typing this afternoon."

"I entirely agree with you," I told them, to their surprise, "So if you'll sit down and just type your conditioning practice for five minutes, I'll turn on the record player and we'll type to music."

They began typing immediately. I am not certain as to just how much benefit was derived from that particular conditioning practice. I was standing next to the record player when suddenly there was dead silence in the room, every typewriter had stopped. As I looked up questioningly and puzzled, with one accord the class said, "Five minutes are up, Sister."

I told them they might type any straightcopy material we had previously used. This made them feel good as each had his favorite paragraph or paragraphs. At first I chose records which played very slow music, gradually taking those which had faster tempos, until all were typing as quickly as they could possibly go. They enjoyed it immensely as their comments after class and during the school year indicated. In fact, at the end of the semester when I posted the comparative standings of the two typing classes, the wining class asked to be rewarded by having a free day in the typing room. Not knowing their interpretation of a free day in the typing room, I asked them just what they had in mind. "You know, Sister, no work; just typing to music." Of course, they received their "free day" in the typing room.

The second typing class was handled the same as the first with one difference. They had typing for two periods instead of one. Fearing that the music might interfere too greatly with the class in the next room, and also that the students might tire of it, I varied the program by having contests: individual competing with individual, team against team; group against group. We typed for speed championship, accuracy championship.

Truly that day was a pleasant one for all my classes; certainly I had enjoyed it too; no frayed nerves, no feeling of physical exhaustion; all because I had planned ahead of time just what to do and how it would be done—so the boys and girls would seemingly be getting what they wanted—fun, lots of fun because it was just before a long holiday.

# Geometry With the Christmas Spirit

Sister Anne Agnes, C.S.J. \*

Harrowing as they can be to school discipline, student attention, and learning effectiveness, the distracting days before Christmas provide excellent opportunity to devise novel, timely, and rewarding projects for every subject in the curriculum. Even the traditionally rigid mathematics class program can break away from the problem-theorem-equation routine and go on a preholiday tangent while, at the same time, it does not neglect the

fundamental duty of developing the mathematical "frame of mind."

Last December I decided to see what possibilities a booklet project would afford for my plane geometry classes. The students were given a few initial suggestions and provocative ideas. Straight line figures were to constitute the basic subject matter of the booklets. Cover design, general format, and arrangements of contents were to be developed by the students' own initiative, preferably guided by the holiday spirit and tone.

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The prize-winning geometry Christmas booklets in Sister Anne Agnes' class.
The girls are: Kathleen Saputo, Patricia Kennedy, Betty Henderson, Shirley Puricelli,
Patricia Moore, and Joan Guelker.

The students reacted to the project with an enthusiasm exceeded only by their delight in planning real Christmas packages—selection of appropriate details, contents, wrappings. Practically every species of Christmas decoration was represented in the shapes of the various booklets—stars, Christmas trees, rectangular chimneys, snowmen, bells, snow flakes, balls, and toys. Many booklets resembled Christmas packages—squares, rectangles, and parallelograms—and were decorated with fancy wrappings, ribbons, holly, and bells.

Such attention to exterior wrappings in no way detracted from the value of the contents. Illustrated and labeled figures were cut out of colored paper and pasted on the page or were drawn with colored pencils. In several instances, equal sides or equal angles were indicated by the same color. Constructions, problems, definitions, and theorems supplemented the logical order and grouping of the straight line figures.

Some students introduced their work by a brief history of geometry; others gave reasons for its study and importance. Neither was the coriclusion neglected. Betty Henderson ended her booklet with this parody on "Jingle Bells":

#### GEOMETRY

Geometry, geometry,
Oh, what fun we have;
Theorems, corollaries,
Definitions drive us mad.

Constructions are a lot of fun, Proofs of problems too. And we use geometry In everything we do.

Joan Guelker wrote this little Christmas story to conclude her project:

#### ADJACENT ANGLES' CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was a beautiful snowy Christmas Day and all the geometric figures were waiting anxiously to attend the Adjacent Angles' Christmas Party. When the big moment arrived, they hurried over to the house as fast as their lines and angles could carry them.

The Parallel twins were the first to reach the door, since two lines can do the running better than one. Isosceles Triangle was runner up, as the equal sides did their part. When the guests opened the door, much to their delighted surprise, they saw Christmas ornaments in forms of circles, triangles, cubes, and spheres brightening up the huge room.

Mr. and Mrs. Adjacent Angle looked handsome and erect in spite of their common side. The Quadrilateral family stood on all fours; however Trapezoid sat on a base. The rest of the figures took their places, including the Perpendicular brother and sister who were cousins of Mr. Adjacent Angle. Everyone was very merry except Mrs. Adjacent Angle, who asked, "Haven't we forgotten something?" Everyone looked at each other in amazement until finally Straight Angle stood up as

straight as could be and replied, "Oh, yes! We forgot to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

The booklets were carefully examined, evaluated, and judged by the members of the mathematics club, consisting of third-year students; prizes were awarded for the three best booklets in each section.

Perhaps the most gratifying result of the project was to note the enthusiasm with which the students worked on their assignment and to realize that they derived real pleasure from a review project that might otherwise have proved monotonous and trite. Similar projects dictated by other seasonal holidays could likewise be employed with equal benefit and value.

#### A December Honor Roll

#### Sister Leone Therese, O.P.\*

The decorative honor roll shown in the accompanying picture was used in my class in December, 1950. The pupils worked diligently to get their names inscribed in red ink on the gold stars.

The background of the bulletin board was pastel green construction paper. The trees were cut from red, white, and green beverly paper. The letters were in red of the same material. The stars were cut from bright yellow construction paper. Their position on the tree corresponded with the pupil's grade—the highest being on the pinnacle of the tree.

The project inspired enthusiasm among the pupils and encouraged the slower ones to improve their work.

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A December Honor Roll.

# Catechism Stories Rev. Lawrence G. Lovasik, S.V.D.\*

#### A Word by the Editor

This is the third installment of Catechism Stories by Father Lovasik, a missionary of the Society of the Divine Word. Previous installments appeared in October and November.

There is a story for each question in the Baltimore Catechism No. 1. The question to which the story applies is indicated in each case, the number in parentheses being the number of the corresponding question in Catechism No. 2.

The author's brief introduction to the stories for each lesson is entitled "Instruction." Following each story is an "Application" to the lesson it illustrates.

The author's manuscript has the Imprimatur of Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, Pa.

### **Lesson Three** THE UNITY AND TRINITY OF GOD

INSTRUCTION

There is only one God. In God there are three divine Persons -the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By the Blessed Trinity is meant one and the same God in three divine Persons.

The three divine Persons are really separate from one another. The three divine Persons are perfectly equal to one another, because all are one and the same God. Though really separate from one another, the three divine Persons are one and the same God because all have the one and the same divine nature.

This is a supernatural mystery. A supernatural mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand, but which we firmly believe because we have God's word for it.

QUESTION 14 (24)

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#### SAINT FRUCTUOSUS

St. Fructuosus was bishop of Tarragona in the year 259 when a persecution raged. He was arrested at night, with two of his deacons, and spent a week in prison, where he managed to baptize a convert. Then he was brought before the governor.

"Do you know what is in the new decree of the emperors?"

"No, but whatever it may be, I am a Christian."

"The emperors command all to sacrifice to the gods," said the

"I adore one God, who made heaven and earth and all things therein."

"Are you aware that there are gods?"

"No."

"I will soon make you aware of it."

Fructuosus, by way of answer, lifted his eyes to heaven to the only true God. The governor was furious.

"If a man refuses to worship the immortal gods and the emperors, what on earth will he fear or adore?"

The deacons answered like their bishop, and all three were sentenced to be burned alive at once. At the stake the fire seemed to respect their bodies but burned the cords that bound them, so that they were able to lift their hands crosswise in prayer until the smoke stifled them. Two Christian slaves of the governor

saw the heavens open and the three martyrs carried up, with crowns on their heads, to reign with the one true God.

In the early centuries of Christianity, thousands of martyrs were put to death because they refused to adore more than one God, whom their Christian religion taught to be the only true God. Their service of that one God went so far as to give up their lives for Him. Compared to this greatest sacrifice, how little are the sacrifices you make in the service of God!

**QUESTION 15 (25)** 

#### SAINT CECILIA

On the evening of her wedding day, with the music of the marriage hymn ringing in her ears, Cecilia, a rich, beautiful, and noble Roman maiden, renewed the vow by which she had consecrated her virginity to God. The heart of her young husband, Valerian, was moved by her words and he received baptism. Within a few days he and his brother, Tiburtius, who had been brought by him to a knowledge of the Faith, sealed their Faith with their blood.

Cecilia was accused of being a Christian. The threats of the pagan prefect did not weaken her love for Christ.

'Do you know," she answered, "that I am the bride of my Lord Tesus Christ?"

The death appointed for her was suffocation, and she remained a day and a night in the hot-air bath, heated to seven times its usual temperature. But the heat had no power over her body. The executioner sent to sever her head from her body struck with trembling hand the three blows which the law allowed, and left her still alive. For two days and nights Cecilia lay on the pavement of her bath, with her head half severed, fully conscious, and joyfully awaiting her crown. On the third day the agony was over, and the virgin saint gave back her pure spirit to Christ in the year 177. The Christians buried her just as she lay in death, with her partially severed head facing the floor, and three fingers of her right hand and one finger of her left hand set forward as a proof of her faith in the truth that there is only one God in three divine Persons. About the year 300 her body was exhumed and was found in the same position - incorrupt.

#### Application

St. Cecilia died rather than give up her faith in the Blessed Trinity. Her act of faith is miraculously preserved to this day. Is your faith as deep as that of St. Cecilia? Remember the Blessed Trinity is present in your soul as long as you are in the state of grace. Frequent prayer to God who lives in your soul is the best act of faith in the Holy

QUESTION 16 (29)

#### SAINT AUGUSTINE AT THE SHORE

St. Augustine was one of the most learned men of all times. One day he was walking on the seashore. He was thinking of the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity, and trying to discover a way to explain it to the people in his sermons and in the books of instruction which he intended to write.

Suddenly he saw before him a child playing on the shore. The lad had made a little hole in the sand, and was taking water out

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of the sea with a small shell and pouring it into the hole. The saint stood for a few moments watching the child. Going up to him he said:

"My child, what are you doing?"

The child answered, "I am going to empty the sea into that hole which I have made in the sand."

The learned Augustine smiled at this childish talk. "That is impossible," he said. "Don't you see that the ocean is much too large to fit into the hole you have made?"

The child replied, "It would be easier for me to do that than for you to understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity."

The child was an angel.

Augustine was quick to learn. He stopped trying to understand fully this deep mystery. Humbly he bowed his head in faith and adored God by saying, "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit."

#### Application

You can never fully understand how the three divine Persons, though really separate from one another, are one and the same God. That deep truth is hidden from your understanding; it is a mystery. It shows how little your mind is, and how infinitely great God is.

# Lesson Four CREATION AND THE ANGELS INSTRUCTION

God, the *Creator* of heaven and earth, made all things from nothing by His almighty power. The chief creatures of God are angels and men.

The *angels* are created spirits. They do not have bodies, but they have understanding and free will. When God created the angels He gave them great wisdom, power, and holiness. Not all the angels remained faithful to God. Some of them sinned.

The angels who remained faithful are called *good angels*. They entered into the eternal happiness of heaven where they see, love, and adore God. The good angels help us by praying for us. They act also as messengers from God to us and serve as our guardian angels. Your guardian angel helps you by praying for you, by protecting you from harm, and by inspiring you to do good.

The angels who did not remain faithful to God were cast into hell. They are called *bad angels* or devils. The chief way in which the bad angels try to harm us is by tempting us to sin.

Some *temptations* come from the bad angels. Other temptations come from yourself and from the persons and things around you. You can always resist temptation because no temptation can force you into sin. God will always help you if you ask Him.

QUESTION 17 (35)

#### TREASURE HUNT

Tim went to a children's party. One of the games was a treasure hunt in the garden. Each child was given an envelope containing the first clue. Tim's message said: "Look in the tool shed." Searching in the tool shed, he found another message under a flowerpot: "Try red." The only red he could see in the garden was some geraniums, and among them he found a third message: "Apples are best." He discovered an apple tree, and after examining it carefully, found a tiny note tied to a branch: "Three steps to the south." The three steps brought him to the garden wall, where he noticed a hole in the bricks. In the hole he found the treasure — a silver dollar!

When he got home, he told his mother about the game. She said, "I hope you thanked Mrs. Smith for the silver dollar."

"I thanked her for the party, but not for the silver dollar, because I found it myself."

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"Silly boy! Mrs. Smith asked you to the party, and put the dollar in the wall for you, and arranged all the clues for you."

"Did she? Well, next time I see her I shall thank her for everything."

#### Application

The many beautiful things you see in nature, such as flowers, fields, rivers, skies, are all clues which lead you to find God. You say, "How wonderful must the person be who made all these things!" God made all things that through them you might find the Treasure — which is Himself.

QUESTION 18 (36)

#### FIRST TELEGRAPH MESSAGE

In 1844 the first telegraph message was flashed from Washington, D. C., to Baltimore, Md. Carefully and laboriously the wires had been strung. Anxiously, even doubtfully, men stood about the crude instruments. The inventor, Samuel Morse, sat tense and eager.

What would be the first message? What would be the first words flashed along the magic wires? Breathlessly Baltimore listened. At last, slowly, almost solemnly, came four simple words, four short but meaningful words. And they were: "What hath God wrought?"

When Morse discovered the energy that could carry sound through wire, he could not help but think of the One who put that power there. He seemed to ask, "What new wonder of God's creation is this?"

#### Application

Before God created the wonders of nature, He made the angels, pure spirits who have power, free will, and intelligence like us. Unlike us, they have no bodies. God created man, the king of creation, in order that man might be the principal inhabitant of the palace God had made for him, and especially that man might use the creatures which God's power and wisdom brought forth — for the glory of God.

QUESTION 19 (37)

#### ISAIAS AND DANIEL

The Prophet Isaias saw in a vision the Lord God Almighty sitting on a high throne. His glory filled all the place. Near to God stood those angels who are called the Seraphim. They veiled their faces with their wings before the blaze of God's glory, as we put our hands to hide our eyes from the blazing sun. Seeing God, they cried out in wonder, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, the earth is full of His glory."

The Prophet Daniel saw a throne placed in heaven. God was sitting on it. From the throne came a swift stream of fire. The numbers of angels who were around God could not be counted. Thousands of angels ministered to Him and ten thousand times a hundred thousand stood before Him.

#### Application

The angels are spirits; they have no bodies. They spend eternity praising and glorifying God, the Supreme Being who is above all creatures. The same Lord God Almighty is in the soul of him who is in the state of grace or receives Holy Communion. The immense army of angels adores God there. The angels might cry out in wonder, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty, whose glory fills the soul of His creature."

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# A Guidance Program for Grades V-VIII

Sister M. Veronica, O.P.\*

#### DECEMBER

Dedication: The Child Jesus.

Aspiration: Come, Jesus, live in my heart and soul.

Hymn: Infant Jesus, Meek and Mild (Fischer Hymnal).

Special Intention: For children who are that day tempted to commit their first mortal sin.

Consideration: Patience.

- 1. Do I take defeat gracefully?
- 2. Do I attempt hard and disagreeable tasks once in a while?
- 3. Do I give the most comfortable chair to my mother, father, or to elders?
- 4. Do I crowd at the fountain, or in the halls or at the door?
- 5. Am I cheerful when the meals do not suit my taste? Or when asked to do an errand when I have just started a game?

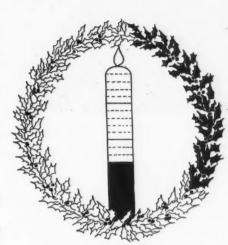
#### PRACTICE

First Week: To make a conscious effort to keep my temper in check when it is rising because I can not have my own way.

Second Week: To show a special act of courtesy to someone I do not like.

Third Week: To keep trying cheer-

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# ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLE

Color a part of the candle each day that the suggested resolution is kept. For every "extra" act of virtue consciously practiced (perhaps a previous month's resolution) color one or more leaves in the wreath.

fully when I have a task which is difficult or long (perseverance).

Fourth Week: To show sympathy and give help to anyone who is in any difficulty, however small.

Special Saint for Study: St. Stephen
— December 26.

# Stimulated Spelling

Sister M. Wilfrid, O.S.F.\*

Teaching children to spell is a challenge to every teacher in elementary school or high school. It involves both the choosing of the words to be learned and the method of learning them. It is a problem not confined to the arts of communication but extending into all fields of study. Until we understand their association with the eyes, ears, vocal organs, and hands, the spelling of words and the perception of speech sounds will be considered difficult.

To break the monotony it is essential that the spelling lessons be given in varied ways. The pretest followed by assimilation of words and the teach—study—test methods seem to follow a sound psychological reasoning since they follow the sensory routes. By following this procedure the children read the word, see

it printed and written, and hear it pronounced, thus receiving four impressions. This ought to fix the picture of the word definitely upon their minds if they concentrate at all. A good teacher will have her own helpful method of dealing with the few who fail.

#### Some Objectives

The teacher realizes that she must have definite objectives in mind in the presentation of each lesson. She must have a sincere aim to increase the child's desire to spell correctly. Both the teacher and the pupil must pronounce the words correctly. The meaning of the word must be understood as well as the number of syllables of which it is composed. The teacher must sustain the self-assurance of the child so that the word will be added to his permanent vocabulary. The child's power of perception and observation must be increased through the correlation of spelling with other subjects.

Exercises of many kinds may be used effectively, but constant drill work and repetition is necessary to clinch and impress the words upon the mind if the repeated words are to be spelled correctly each time. Just writing each word five or ten times does not always help to reach a desired goal unless the words are spelled correctly each time. Careless repetition is a waste of time.

Often the teacher's individuality is a guiding force in methods. If she is keenly alert toward perfecting the technique of teaching spelling, she will keep the children's interest stimulated through honest rivalry such as oral and written contests, and spelling matches in which the choosing of sides adds to the determination to win.

#### Some Devices

Another means of motivating interest is to inject a few competitive games — games such as the well-known spelling baseball game; building anagrams, especially from well-known persons' names; homonym game in which only nouns are involved; and language relays which is an assumed name for supervised, blackboard spelling.

In the language relays my class is governed by the following procedure: there are five rows of seats in the classroom with nine desks in each row. The first row running from the first desk to the last in the rear of the room is made responsible for some ideal nouns, the second row must add verbs, the third may insert adjectives, those in the fourth row will place adverbs in their proper places, while all in the fifth row must add phrases and the correct punctuations. At a given signal each one in the first bench of each row will go to the board one at a time. The first one writes any noun that he wishes with some article, leaving room for the second child to place the adjective, and the like until the five pupils

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The Spelling Record Chart Devised by Sister Wilfrid's Pupils.

across the room have offered their contribution.

The list of words must form a complete sentence in which the spelling of each word is subject to orderly criticism given tactfully. This is repeated until each row in the room has had a turn. The row having the fewest errors wins. It may be well to mention that the score keeper must be an accurate speller. This suggestion may not be a panacea for all ills but it is a means of accomplishing a worth-while objective. Writing short accounts of some newsy event that occurred on the way to school, or some everyday experience provides another interesting manner of conducting a spelling lesson with fine results, if the pupils are good critics - as distinguished from fault finders

#### Recording Devices

Other excellent incentives for growth in the art of spelling are graphs, mnemonic devices, progress charts, personal graphs, accumulated class records of progress, and original charts of an artistic nature such as the one illustrated here.

Having a few good artists in the room will help to build up an inspiring and useful bulletin board. Several children worked together in a group and drew the spelling chart figures and designs. The letters were then cut out and mounted upon the drum. On this drum two A's appear for the simple reason that our school extended an invitation to all parents to attend a student-parent night. All worked especially hard to obtain a high mark which is proved by the two markers stationed at A. One marked "Girls" and the other marked "Boys."

After every test two pupils, a girl and a boy, go to the blackboard and as the names of the class are called for the purpose of having the teacher record their marks in the daily record book, these two ready recorders will add up the averages upon the board under the titles of, "Girls and Boys." In a very short time before the vision of all, the averages are recognized and confirmed. The right of appeal is permitted and adds to the social stimulus. If any errors are noticed they are corrected immediately. According to the percentage earned one of the committee will place the little labeled drum major near the respective score achieved by the test. If it happens that other averages are earned, someone can cut out and replace the correct ones on the drum as the need presents itself.

Because the classrooms here in general are frequently visited, the children take great pride and interest in display charts. It has helped greatly to bring up spelling averages as well as the much needed understanding and co-operation of parents.

Directly under the pictures of the Sacred Heart to the right and to the left of the drummer, the names appear of the individuals who have acquired an average of 93 per cent and above, in the spelling assigned for the week

#### Co-operation

When a child's interest is at stake, he will eventually make observations to his own advantage. For instance, if one of the class persists in frequent errors, group co-operation may do wonders as this recent incident proves. One of the best players on the school team for basketball was falling low in spelling. The boys feared that they might lose him if he did not meet the requirements, so, of their accord and initiative, they began to tutor him. This wholehearted participation won the day, It is surprising sometimes what buddies can accomplish through team work and good will.

While these are just a few tried out suggestions to break the regular routine, it all reverts to an old saying, "Success in any undertaking requires effort on the part of all participants."

# You Can Make Designs and Posters

Sister Anne Mary, O.P.\*

There is insufficient material available to the elementary teacher in the way of seasonal designs of a religious nature. As a result, naturalistic themes dominate the classroom displays of many parochial schools, primarily for lack of any other equally helpful patterns. Jonquils and tulips and sailboats are good. But where can one find help on a Blessed Imelda, patroness of First Communicants, when her feast occurs in May?

#### The Solution

More ready-made designs would be welcomed by the home-room teacher who considers herself personally bereft of originality and artistic talent. They would not, however, be as useful as another solution, the cultivation of both the teachers' and the students' resources. Even after learning to reproduce designs by basic methods of enlargement,1

many people will not attempt original compositions. They stress their lack of detailed knowledge of the subjects which interest them, or else, their lack of vivid imagery even on familiar topics.

#### A Matter of Research

Neither of these deficiencies need be a final stumbling block. If the issue is seen as reducible to one of research, both teachers and children realize that it need not be considered too formidable. The planning of a St. Patrick's Day design required nothing more devious than recourse to a Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary for illustrations of: a shamrock, a Celtic cross, typical vestments of a bishop, and such accessories as a crosier. A green background with a few snakes, obviously on their way out, plus the information that a bishop when in his own diocese holds his

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'If a projector is not available, or if the original cannot e inserted in a machine, then the design (or a tracing of it) can be blocked off by lines dividing it in half

horizontally and vertically. Each of these sections can be further divided in half until no block has too many details in it. In a similarly blocked area, scaled to the needs of the enlarger, the design can be reproduced without error of proportion.

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The same figure may appear in several posters, sometimes representing different persons. The Dominican friar, St. Thomas, in the Angel of Purity scene, doubled in the Rosary group as St. Dominic. One of the angels was used in the March 25 combination. The kneeling Blessed Virgin of the Annunciation was used again at the Christmas crib, where the angels relegated to the background, again figured.

crosier with the crook of it toward his flock, not toward himself, filled out the needed details. Other general references such as an encyclopedia and daily missal often furnish reasonably satisfactory models.

#### And Adaptation

Naturally, the illustrations with the least shading and most definitized outlines are best. Even those which do include too much inextricable detail often may supply outlines for silhouettes. At first these models will be incorporated into the poster or bulletin board decorations much as they occur in the source. Gradually, as confidence and skill improve, variations will be introduced in keeping with the specific needs of the project. This capacity to adapt is at the basis of what is called originality. The new grows from a matrix of the old. Even the most proficient designers keep files of reference material.

#### Compatible With Group Activity

The collection of material and adaptation of it can be made part of a class project. When the classroom displays are part of an integrated teaching unit, much of this research will have been done already. Discussion of the possibilities of the proffered material and final selection can be carried on profitably by the group as a whole. A discriminating choice will take into account the type of art materials to be used, the size of the exhibit, and the complexity of pattern which members of a given class can handle.

#### And With Economy

Economy is possible without sacrificing effectiveness where the school budget or the teacher's lack of time or training impose limitations. Often the year's high lights can be planned so that certain units can be used in several different compositions. This was done in the third- and fourth-grade classroom at St. Agnes Academy, Memphis, Tenn., where a March 7, March 25, October Rosary group, and a Christmas scene each incorporated some common units.

Both the extra time spent in turning out a finished product and the careful choice of materials were justified by the repeated use to which the units were put. When the items are used in the order listed the interest value of novelty is not seriously impaired, since there are two school terms with different classes involved. On the other hand, the unit addition angle can be emphasized by making the pro-

duction of the new portion one of the regular art class activities. If the design is mimeographed, each section on its proper color construction paper, the careful cutting out and assembling of the new figure is not too difficult even for the young child. The classes mentioned above did this with the figure of the kneeling Blessed Virgin and of Blessed Imelda to their own great satisfaction.

## Glory to God; Peace to Men

Sister Mary Amata\*

CHARACTERS: 10 angels (girls) for "Glory to God;" 10 angels (boys) for "Peace to Men."

[Angels fly in on stage holding a star with letter on it; form double file around manger then slowly and reverently recite in unison]:

"Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will."

[Then each angel recites his part.]

- G: Give to Jesus on His birthday
- L: Love from hearts all pure and kind.
- O: Offer Him your gift in gladness.
- R: Round His crib much peace you'll find.
- Y: You can cheer Him in this manger.
- T: To His heart much joy you'll bring.
- O: O just ask earth's little Stranger
- G: Grace from Him that He be King
- O: Of our hearts and of our family
- D: Down the years that life may bring.
- P: People did not know this Baby.
- E: Everywhere there was no room.
- A: All was sad for our dear Lady.
- C: Cold and tired she hoped that soon
- E: End would come to search for lodging.
- \*St. Joseph Convent (Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy), 160 Farmington Ave., Hartford 5, Conn.

- T: To the cave St. Joseph led her
- O: On that first dark Christmas night,
- M: Many angels came from heaven
- E: Each with love and songs so bright
- N: Now let us be His delight.

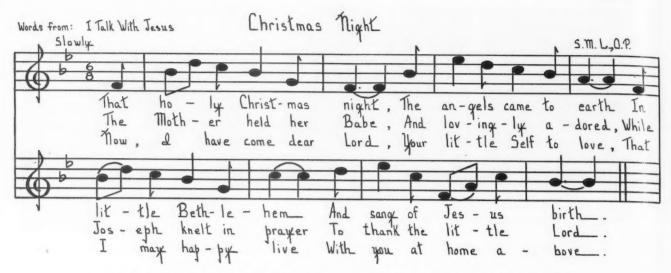
[Angels form semicircle around crib and slowly and reverently recite in unison]:

"Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will."

[Angels bow reverently in turn as they recite]:

- GIRLS: We praise Thee.
- Boys: We bless Thee.
- GIRLS: We adore Thee. Boys: We glorify Thee.
- ALL: We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory
  - O Lord God heavenly King
  - Lamb of God Who takest away the sins of the world have mercy on us.
  - Lamb of God Who takest away the sins of the world receive our prayer.

[All kneel and recite: "Take my body, Jesus," or some other prayer.]



One of a series of hymns for younger children by Sister M. Limana, O.P., 3774 N. 12th St., Milwaukee 6, Wis.

## The Mystical Body in the Primary Grades

Sister M. Kenneth, S.L.\*

The annual visit of the "School Days" photographer was scheduled in our school for the end of October. Soon after his departure, the mailman brought us a box with dozens of envelopes of pictures. In addition to the individual pictures for the children there was a set for each teacher. These pictures were wonderful treasures! We had great fun looking at "our" children, noticing little individual characteristics: this one's toothless smile or that one's self-conscious frown. The teacher's envelope opens up a world of possibilities for classroom use. The first-grade teacher used her set in "Mary's Garden" with each child's picture in the center of a flower. The fourthand fifth-grade teacher posted on her bulletin board the pictures of those in her class whose families were saying the "Family Rosary." So the question uppermost in my mind was, "What shall I do with my sixty-four second and third graders' pictures?"

#### A Needed Lesson

A recess playground battle, a little act of selfishness over a candy bar, and a glimpse of "interracial antagonism" between two small sons of God decided the need. My class needed a strong dose of the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ in a form that each child could grasp and use in a practical way. On a

large sheet of golden-hued poster paper was painted a vine with its branches. In the center of the vine at the top was a picture of Christ, and on the branches were pasted all the pictures of the children. The drawing doesn't resemble a grapevine too closely because, as you can see, it is too stiff and conventional to allow room for the many pictures; but clusters of grapes on the top branches helped to create the impression. The caption, "I am the Vine; you are the branches," completed the poster.

#### I Am There

Any teacher knows the reaction of her class to something new. The poster was large and colorful, but the feature guaranteed to capture attention was the thrill of each child seeing his own picture on the chart. The questions the children asked before the morning bell were numerous and gratifying; for, as you know, so much of the success in putting over this doctrine, or any other, hinged on their interest.

Right after our opening exercises, I started out "introducing the Mystical Body." I explained the poster quite simply by showing the relationship of branches to a vine, and by pointing out the uselessness of a branch apart from the vine. All of this was done without reference as yet to the pictures of

Christ and the children. Had it been springtime, we might have brought a branch into the classroom where the children could easily see what happens when it is separated from its parent tree or vine. They would have seen that within a comparatively short time the leaves curl up, wither, and die; and the branch becomes dry and brittle, good only for firewood, with all the original loveliness gone. They would have seen, also, that out in the yard on the vine or tree from which the branch was taken, its sister branches were still beautiful and green. However, though we could not use this example, every child knows how the fruits of nature - her leaves and flowers - lose their beauty when removed from the source that gives them life.

The step from any vine and its branches to the Mystical Vine and its branches is a simple one. Christ is the Vine, and we are His branches. We depend in every way on Him for the life and beauty of our souls. Apart from Him we wither and die and are good for nothing save firewood. We are intended to remain close to Christ, to receive our supernatural life from its Source, and to nourish this life with His sanctifying grace.

#### Good and Bad Branches

In a later class we discussed how branches can become diseased slowly and gradually, until finally they die and must be cut from the vine. We pointed out, also, that with one stroke of a sharp knife or ax a branch could be removed from its source of life, the vine. We mentioned that some branches were more beautiful than others, perhaps because they received more sun and more nourishment from the vine. Then we made the transfer to ourselves again and asked if we, too, could become diseased and be cut off from Christ, or if we could become more beautiful, and how?

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No end of application is possible here, depending, of course, on the grade level of the class. We were preparing to receive First Holy Communion, so it worked out perfectly for our needs. The children could realize that sin is a disease that can gradually weaken the soul, and that a single mortal sin will quickly, sharply cut the soul off from Christ. We observed, also, that with a farmer's care a diseased branch can be pruned and tended until it regains its former vigor. So, too, with confession, the pruning knife of the soul, the soul in sin regains its former beauty, and it is reinstated in its reunion with Christ.

#### The Cure

To illustrate the deadly character of mortal sin. we removed a child's picture entirely from the chart and poised it over the wastebasket until one of the children offered the solution to replace it in its former position. The answer, of course, was confession; and putting the picture back in the place from which it had been taken (to the evident relief of the entire class) illustrated God's goodness to the soul in restoring it to its former beauty through the sacrament of penance.

Next, we wanted to discover ways to become more beautiful members of the Mystical Body of Christ. We were learning about grace, so the application was apparent. The grace of God is what gives us sanctifying life. The more grace we have the more like to God our soul becomes. The more grace we have the more holy and beautiful our soul is and the better branches we are of the Mystical Vine of Christ. Then, came the question, "How can we grow in grace?" Any First Communion class is already prepared with the answers. The result was another chart, this time with only printed words, which we placed next to the Vine and its branches. It is not shown in the picture, but the following is a copy of it.

We Want to Be Living, Growing Branches of Christ, the Vine

- 1. Go to Confession and Receive Holy Communion Often
- 2. ALWAYS TRY TO REMEMBER OUR MORNING AND NIGHT PRAYERS
- 3. SAY LITTLE PRAYERS IN BETWEEN TIMES
- 4. BE OBEDIENT AT HOME AND IN SCHOOL
- 5. BE KIND TO OUR CLASSMATES AND PEOPLE WE MEET
- Look for Ways to Help Others Without Being Asked

#### The Means of Grace

The children had already learned that through prayer, the sacraments, and good works the grace of God is freely given to all of us. The list on this new chart was an outgrowth of our classroom discussions in preparation for receiving First Holy Communion, as we tried to tap all the sources of



These children learn about the Mystical Body of Christ.

gaining grace. The list could be longer, with divisions and subdivisions added at the teacher's discretion. However, the point was clear; and it does not seem presumptuous to say that each child knew that grace is the all-important factor in supernatural growth, and that it is ours for the asking through these simple means.

After establishing these few fundamentals, it was time to "tackle" the initial problems: the playground conflicts, for example. The title "Mystical Body" had not been mentioned in so many words as yet, but now it was time to write it on the blackboard and begin to use it. I explained that it was like the Vine and the branches: Christ is the Head and we are the members of His Mystical Body, as the hands, arms, legs, and the like are members of a child's body. It isn't a body that anyone can really see, but it is really a body in a "mystery way." Children love mystery and readily accept the concept of a mystical body.

If there were gaps in the teaching, and doubtless there were, the children apparently bridged the gap in their own minds, for it presented no problem to them when we went on to the discussion of how the members of a body help each other: the hand combing hair, brushing teeth, and the like. (They made their own list after a few examples.) Then we saw that if the tooth ached so did the head, and all the other members of the body suffered, too, in some way, and sought a means to alleviate the pain of the suffering one. At this point all the little heads were nodding in agreement (remembering, no doubt, the "baby

teeth" they were losing right now) and even the least enlightened could grasp the idea of how all the members belong together, work together, suffer together, and are not whole as they are meant to be if one is ill or missing. The children readily found the relationship between the members of a human body and the members of Christ's Mystical Body.

#### All of Us Are There

We discussed how all of us are one-in-Christ and that we belong together, work together, pray together, play together, and are meant to be "together in Christ," always. We saw that a family name or the color of our skin is not important because we are all one family in Christ. In our predominantly Spanish-American community this knowledge and realization of unity with each other and with Christ are tremendously important as a means of lessening any feeling of inferiority or inequality that has, unfortunately, survived even in our so-called "enlightened generation." This close relationship was easily demonstrated on the chart.

So with the playground quarrels; for with repeated use of the poster, pointing out the mystical relationship and closeness of each child, they grasped the idea eventually that what hurt one member actually hurt all members—even themselves. How could they receive the same Christ in the morning at Mass with their little playmates, re-establishing their "oneness," and then be fighting like little demons by noontime? The same with selfishness: the mean, selfish child, who deliberately

tantalized his playmates, was not doing his share to make the branches more beautiful; and he was making himself unhappy as well as others. And what about those others? They, too, had a lesson to learn: not to mind teasing too much, and for their share in the work of the Mystical Body to offer their disappointment to God to make up for the one who was detracting from the beauty of the whole.

#### Each Branch Helps

The possibilities are limitless: the poster stayed up until the end of the school year, and it was used over and over with new ideas. In November we prayed for the Poor Souls, the suffering members of the Mystical Body. In May we followed the idea of reparation for the wayward members of the Mystical Body as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. In the Mission Week we remembered the faraway members and those who are waiting for our prayers that they, too, may receive the glorious gift of the Faith.

Did it work? Did the children of this second- and third-grade group really understand the doctrine of the Mystical Body? Witness hardheaded, pugilistic Fausto, gifted in the fine art of fisticuffs, constantly wearing the proverbial "chip on the shoulder," and loving nothing so much as a fight, bursting into the room during a noon hour with fists clenched, and almost in tears, "Sisters, I didn't hit him . . . but I wanted to . . . he called me a name . . . but I just ran away . . . I didn't hit him, 'cuz he's my brother!" Or watch Donna on the playground pulling one of her playmates away from staring at a cripple hobbling by on his crutches. We overhear, "We shouldn't stare or laugh at him. We should be kind because he belongs to the Mystical Body." Finally, Pat whispers on her way out at three o'clock, "I'm going to Mass and Communion tomorrow and get grace to be a better 'branch.' "

#### Third-Grade Theology

There are other examples, but here's my favorite. A high school boy came in at recess one morning to return his little brother's report card. After staring at the chart in the front of the room, he asked what it was all about. A third-grade "theologian" gave this "nutshell summary": "That's the Mystical Body. Christ is the Vine, and we are the branches. Everybody in the whole world could have his picture there because we all belong to Christ, just as branches belong to a vine. We can be good or bad branches, and if we are bad we just cut ourselves off the Vine and lose our souls. If we want to be good we can grow in grace, which makes us beautiful branches, by doing all those things on the chart, and lots more, too. See?" He saw, and I saw what he saw, and what more could I ask to see?

## The Joyful Mysteries for Children

Cecil F. Parlett\*

These verses were written separately for various lessons in religion, hence the varying meter. They may be recited together as a feature of a Christmas program.

#### THE ANNUNCIATION

Out of the blue of heaven The Angel Gabriel came To a little town having Naz'reth For a name. Being sent He spoke To a maiden there, Mary, as she knelt In her house at prayer. "Will you be the Mother of God?" He softly said. Mary rose and smiled. She nodded her head. "I will gladly do All God wants me to." And away Gabriel flew With shining swiftness To tell God Mary said, "Yes."

#### THE VISITATION

Over the hills of Judea A lovely Lady came. Naz'reth was her home town. Mary was her name. She came to help Elizabeth, Her cousin, soon to be The mother of John the Baptist. We call this charity. When Elizabeth saw her Knowing God lived now In Mary's heart, she said, "Blessed art thou." And Mary filled with joy With graces from above Sang the "Magnificat." It was her song of love!

#### THE NATIVITY

Baby Jesus was born On Christmas morn At Bethlehem To save all men. The angels came To tell His name. And shepherds poor

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Came to adore.
A star of light
Shone very bright,
For Jesus was born
That Christmas morn.
He did not fear
For Joseph was near.
And Mary's arms
Kept Him from harm.
Her heart sang,
As ours do,
I love You,
I love You.

#### THE PRESENTATION

Mary and Joseph climbed the hill And up the Temple stair, Carrying the Holy Child, For they must bring Him there. An offering of turtle doves, The offering of the poor, They brought with them For they could give no more.

Anna and holy Simeon,
Who always prayed there,
Held out arms of joy
To the Babe so fair.
They knew that He was God,
Their Saviour from above,
And some day He would say,
"This is the breadth of My love."

## THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Mary with Joseph was so glad To find her little Son. They had searched three days For this loved One. They found Him in the Temple Speaking with great ease To the learned doctors, The Scribes, and Pharisees. Mary spoke with quiet voice -"Son we've looked for You." He replied "Did you not know, I have My Father's work to do?" And because He was the Holy Child. He filled their hearts with joy. Then went gladly home with them, Like any little boy.

#### **CHRISTMAS WISHES**

#### First child:

I wish I were the manger rude To hold the Child so fair;

I'd change into a golden crib All decked with jewels rare.

#### Second child:

I wish I were the golden straw
That pillowed His dear head;
I'd tell Him many a secret
When tucked all safe in bed.

#### Third child:

I wish I were the coverlet
Right close to the Baby's cheek;
I'd keep Him warm and cozy
From the winter wind so bleak.

#### Fourth child:

I wish I were the lambkin, So frolicsome with fun, Brought by the humble shepherds To play with Mary's Son.

#### Fifth child:

I wish I were a shepherd boy On Juda's hills that night;

I, too, would hasten over
To see the wondrous sight.

I'd kneel with Mother Mary Beside the manger crib To worship her dear Jesus In swaddling clothes nigh hid.

I'd ask to hold the Baby
So beautiful and bright,
And ere I gave Him back again
I'd kiss Him sweet good night.
— Sister Maria Fabian, C.S.M.\*

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#### ENERGY FOODS IN SCHOOL LUNCHES

James M. Hemphill, supervisor of the California public schools lunch program, urges in a bulletin to the schools that energy foods be included in all school lunch diets:

"In addition to proteins, minerals, and vitamins, it is necessary to have foods in the diet that provide fuel for energy. Fats and carbohydrates are fuel foods. Carbohydrates include sugars and starches. The best indication of whether the individual is eating the right amount of fuel foods is found through analysis of his weight in relation to his height, age, and body structure. If the individual eats less fuel foods than he needs, he is underweight. If he eats more than he needs they are stored in his body as fat. A reasonable amount of body fat is considered desirable especially in children and adolescents.

"All natural foods contain some carbohydrate or fat. Some contain much more than others. The most important consideration in



choosing fuel foods is that the most beneficial ones will also supply minerals and vitamins and possibly some protein. Refined sugar is a pure carbohydrate that provides fuel for the body but nothing else. On the other hand, such foods as fruits or molasses furnish not only sugar, but also vitamins and minerals.

"Cooking fats and bacon provide fuel for the body. Butter and enriched margarine provide fuel and vitamin A. Whole grain cereals provide carbohydrates, minerals, and vitamins; refined products such as white rice and unenriched white flour contain carbohydrates but little if any minerals and vitamins."



Richard Everett of Grade 7, Blessed Sacrament School, Savannah, Ga., views a Nativity scene he made of clay. The tiny figures are painted in colors.

Sister M. Christine, R.S.M., is his teacher.

## Catholic Education News

#### AD MULTOS ANNOS

★ VEN. BROTHER COLUMBA, O.S.F., president of St. Francis College, Brooklyn, was honored by students, alumni, and faculty on October 4, the occasion of his completion of 25 years as president of Long Island's oldest Catholic institution of higher education.

★ Rev. Ignatius W. Cox, S.J., of Fordham University, celebrated his golden jubilee as a member of the Society of Jesus on October 19. Father Cox has been associated with Fordham for the past 31 years as professor of ethics and religion. During that time he has lectured, preached, given radio addresses, and has founded and edited the Jesuit Missions, missionary magazine of his order.

★ Brother Honeste Celestine, F.S.C., professor of biology at Manhattan College, N. Y., celebrated his golden jubilee on November 1. His teaching career of 42 years at Manhattan is the longest consecutive residence on the college faculty.

★ MOTHER M. KATHARINE DREXEL and her coworkers in the religious community of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People celebrated the golden jubilee of the founding of the first Indian mission on October 30. Mother Katharine, now 94, journeyed with members of her newly formed community to the Arizona desert in 1902 to form there the first Indian mission, St. Michael's School for Navajo Indians.

#### HONORS AND APPOINTMENTS

#### Two Catholic Educators on UNESCO Committee

At a recent meeting of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO, Raymond F. McCoy of Xavier University, Cincinnati, was re-elected to the executive committee, and George N. Schuster, president of Hunter College, New York City, was elected to the committee.

At the meeting, Dr. McCoy represented N.C.E.A., Dr. Schuster attended as a representative of state and local governments. Another Catholic educator, C. Joseph Nuesse, professor of sociology at the Catholic University of America, represented N.C.W.C.

#### Brother Bernard Peter Appointed

The Board of Regents of the State of New York appointed Brother Bernard Peter, F.S.C., a member of an advisory committee to assist the State Education Department in defining the best elementary school program as an objective for the state. Brother Bernard is supervisor of the Christian Brothers schools.

#### Iona College Appointment

Brother Samuel A. Ryan of the Christian Brothers of Ireland has been appointed Vice-president of Iona College, New Rochelle, N. Y. He succeeds Brother Alphonsus L. Pakenham, who has been named principal of Power Memorial Academy, New York City.

Brother Ryan, who will supervise the expansion program of the college and direct public relations in his new post, was the director of the gymnasium building fund of Power Memorial Academy for the past 6 years; the gymnasium is now under construction.

#### C.B.E.A. Chairman Elected

Sister Catherine Maria, C.S.J., has been reelected chairman of the Catholic Business Education Association, eastern unit, at a recent meeting.

Brother Andrian Lewis, F.S.C., was elected cochairman succeeding Brother Philip, O.S.F., new national president.



Very Rev. Edward B. Bunn, S.J. New president of Georgetown University.



Brother Samuel A. Ryan of the Christian Brothers of Ireland. New Vice-President of Iona College, New Rochelle, N. Y.

#### New President at Georgetown

Rev. Edward B. Bunn, regent of the Georgetown University dental and nursing schools, was appointed president of the university on October 11. He succeeds Rev. Hunter Guthrie who had held the post from early 1949.

Father Bunn, the 36th president of the 163-year-old Jesuit university, is a native of Baltimore and a member of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus. He has taught at Fordham University, New York, and Canisius College, Buffalo, and was president of Loyola College from 1938 to 1947. Father Bunn has recently been engaged in concluding negotiations and supervising architectural plans for the opening of a new Jesuit college in Wheeling, W. Va.

#### CALIFORNIA REPEALS TAX ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Recent election news from California reports a victory for parochial schools in the referendum issue concerning taxation of non-profit private schools. Latest tallies, taken from Los Angeles' The Tidings showed the referendum carrying a plurality of votes favoring exemption of private schools from taxation.

California has been the only state in the Union to impose taxes on non-profit private schools until recently the State legislative body repealed this law. The referendum issue was brought about by the petition of a sufficient number of misguided or bigoted persons, stalemating enforcement of the new law until a popular vote could be taken.

Absentee ballots numbering 153,000, not to be opened until Nov. 21, usually follow the same proportion as the vote cast at the polls, thus election analysts agree that the final plurality in favor of tax freedom for non-profit private schools will be about 65,000.

#### **EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS**

#### Catholic Ed. Association of Pa.

The 32nd annual meeting of the Catholic Educational Association of Pennsylvania was held, October 15–17, in Pittsburgh. "Co-operation of Home, Parish, and School in the Formation of the American Citizen" was the general theme of the meeting.

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Quigley, Ph.D., superintendent of schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, was local chairman and Rev. Thomas F. Reidy, O.S.F.S., M.A., principal of Northeast Catholic Boys' High School Annex at Philadelphia, was the convention co-ordinator.

#### Diocese of Buffalo

The 12th annual teachers institute of the Diocese of Buffalo was held, October 9-10, at Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo. The institute was under the patronage of Most Rev. Joseph A. Burke, D.D., Bishop of Buffalo, and directed by Very Rev. Msgr. Sylvester J. Holbel, M.A., superintendent of schools, and Rev. Leo E. Hummerl, M.A., assistant. The general theme was "The School and the Community."

#### Archdiocese of Chicago

A newly formed Archdiocesan Principals Club held its first meeting in St. Gertrude's parish center on September 27. His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch gave his approval to the club praising it as a unifying force in the field of Catholic education. More than 500 nuns, Brothers, and priests attended.

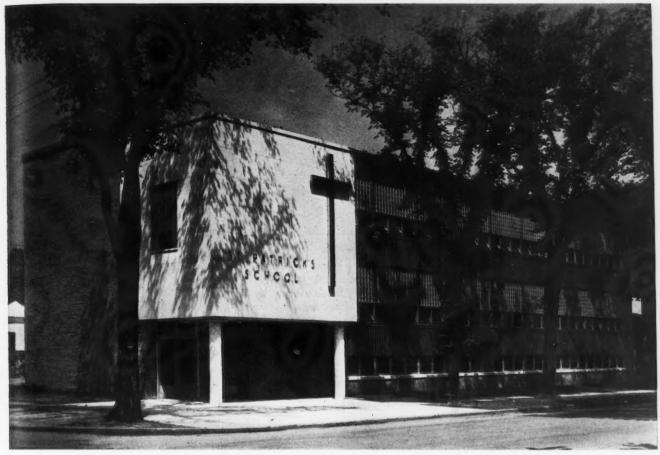
#### Diocese of Richmond

The 17th annual teachers' institute of the Diocese of Richmond was held at St. Joseph's Villa, September 29–30. The main theme of the sessions was "The Problem of the Church in the South."

#### Archdiocese of Baltimore

The annual teachers' institute for the Archdiocese of Baltimore was held at Seton High School, September 26–27, under the sponsorship of Most Rev. Francis P. Keough, D.D., Arch-

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St. Patrick's School, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Designed by Frederick W. Mast and Associates of Waterloo, Iowa.

# A Modern Building on a Small Site St. Patrick's School. Cedar Falls, Iowa Frederick W. Mast

Low-cost construction, plus efficient utilization of the available land area, were the objectives successfully attained in the design and erection of the new St. Patrick's School at Cedar Falls, Iowa. The building was constructed at a cost of \$108,000 or \$8.70 per square foot, excluding fees and equipment.

Because of its location near the congested business section of the city, there was no vacant property adjacent to the parish grounds to provide a larger site.

The architects, Frederick W. Mast and Associates of Waterloo, Iowa, overcame the space problem by designing a compact two-story-and-basement, fire-resistant structure which actually left more usable playground area than existed with the old school.

Modern Construction

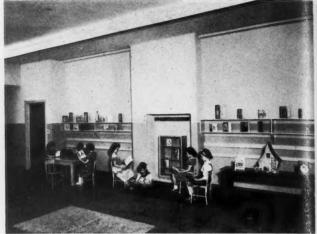
Functional in design, the new St. Patrick's school features many of the modern advantages, including a light-directing glass-block fenestration system which provides the classrooms with glare-free, controlled daylight.

The present new school has six classrooms, three on each floor, but was planned so that additional classrooms may be added to the outside corridor wall at both first- and second-floor levels at a minimum of expense. Each of the rooms has a built-in steel bookcase and teachers closet unit. The three first-floor classrooms, intended for use by lower grades, are equipped with built-in wardrobes. Lockers in the corridor are provided for children using the second floor.

Adequate Lighting

Wall and ceiling colors for classrooms were selected to obtain maximum reflectivity from the fenestration system composed of panels of glass-block and clear-vision window strips. Prisms in the glass block direct the light upward to the ceiling from which it is reflected to the desks and working areas below. Installed above eye level, the glassblock panels distribute light more evenly to every section of the room, at the same time eliminating harsh contrasts and glare. The artificial lighting system was designed to supplement the light distribution of the glass block to maintain uniform light level across the room on dark days. The combination eliminated a third of the light fixtures nor-





On the left is a classroom at St. Patrick's School. The glass block deflects sunlight toward the ceiling thus supplying adequate daylight to the most remote part of the room, under normal conditions. On the right is a primary room with adequate space for games and group activities.

mally used. Colors of desks, chalkboards, and other classroom equipment also were chosen for their reflective qualities.

The first floor of the school includes a 10 by 12-foot office built over the entry area, a small janitor's room, and the girls' toilet. The boys' toilet is located directly above the girls' toilet on the second floor. Additional toilet facilities are located off the office and between two of the first-floor classrooms.

#### Activity and Utility Rooms

The basement of the school has four music practice rooms, the boiler room, and an area more than 84 feet long which serves as assembly hall, visual education room, lunchroom, and for other parish activities. A kitchen is located at one end of the area and a small stage at the other.

#### Interior Finish Practical

The interior finish of the building was planned to achieve the utmost in appearance and utility at the least possible cost. Floors in office, classrooms, and corridors are of asphalt tile. Stairs, toilets, storage, and janitor rooms and the entire basement area have concrete floors. As a further economy measure, outside walls and stair wells were not plastered but the exposed concrete block has been painted. As a safety measure, stair wells are virtually fire towers with 12-inch thick walls and reinforced concrete landings and stairs.

#### Radiation Heating

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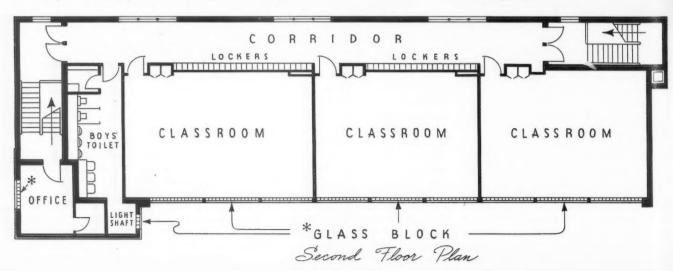
The classroom exterior walls have no masonry above the basement window sills. Spandrel areas between floors are panels of insulated metal which emphasize the streamlined impression created by the glass-block panels and clear-vision window strips. Cost of horizontal supporting members for the glass-block panels was eliminated by using steel ribbon window units.

#### Entrance Simple But Attractive

The recessed corner entrance of the school is dominated by a white cast-stone façade with a 12-foot stainless steel cross and the name of the school in 12-inch aluminum letters. The same cast stone is used for coping, sills, and cornerstone.

The thin concrete floors of the building are supported on corruform laid over bar joists which are supported on steel beams. The steel bears on masonry except on the classroom side of the structure where steel H sections are used for supporting columns. The roof deck consists of poured gypsum supported on T bars over the bar joists with a covering of tar and gravel.

The previous frame school had been in use from 1891 until the time it was razed to make room for the new structure. Built under the leadership of Rt. Rev. Msgr. S. J. Mauer, pastor of St. Patrick's, the school is under the management of the Sisters of Charity, B.V.M., of Dubuque, Iowa.





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bishop of Baltimore, Rev. Leo J. McCormick, superintendent of schools, presiding. Dr. James M. O'Neill addressed the teachers in a general meeting on "Catholicism and American Freedom."

#### Catholic International Bureau

The International Bureau of Catholic Education has been established at a meeting of Catholic educators from various countries held in Lucerne, Switzerland. The purpose of the organization is to defend on the international level the natural rights of the Church and of parents in education. It will also seek to co-ordinate Catholic educational activities on an international scale.

The new bureau has applied to UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) for accreditation as a nongovernmental body with consultative status.

Msgr. Frans Op de Coul, director of the Dutch Catholic central bureau for education and instruction, was elected president and secretary general of the new organization. The secretariate will be set up at The Hague, Netherlands. The following members are on the executive committee: Father J. Sinistrero of Rome; Father J. Solzbacher, a Cologne professor; A. G. O'Brien, secretary to the Catholic Education Committee for England and Wales, and Dr. O. Peters of Belgium.

Father William E. McManus of the education department, National Catholic Welfare Confer-

ence in Washington, attended the sessions as an unofficial observer.

#### Diocese of Providence

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Catholic School Teachers Institute of the Diocese of Providence, R. I., was held, October 30–31, under the auspices of Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, bishop of Providence and honorary president of the Institute. The president, Brother Frederic, S.C., of Mt. St Charles Academy, Woonsocket, delivered the opening address.

Very Rev. Joseph R. N. Maxwell, S.J., president of Boston College, spoke on "The Catholic School in the Democracy." Brother Adelbert James, F.S.C., of Manhattan College, discussed "The Curriculum and Christian Social Consciousness." The govenor of Rhode Island, Dennis J. Roberts, presented his greetings. Francis M. Crowley, Ph.D., dean of the school of education at Fordham, discussed "The Catholic School and Its Role in American Life" and Sister Maria Mercedes, S.S.N.D., chairman of the department of sociology of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, presented "The School: A Social Force in the Community."

Other subjects receiving special attention were vocations, religion, school and community cooperation, health, music, physical education, and art.

#### REQUIESCANT IN PACE

- REV. JOSEPH C. HUSSLEIN, S.J., professor of social work at St. Louis University, died on October 19, 1952. He founded the school of social service at the University in 1930 and served as its first dean until 1940 when he began devoting full time to writing and editing. Father Husslein had been an associate editor of America for 16 years since 1911, and had founded the Science and Culture series, a "university in print," published by The Bruce Publishing Company. Father Husslein celebrated his 60th anniversary as a Jesuit on August 14, 1951.
- Rev. Thomas Wolf, O.S.B., one of the oldest Benedictines in the world, died October 3, 1952, at the age of 91. He had entered the scholasticate of St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., 79 years ago at the age of 12, taking his vows in 1880. Father Wolf worked in Colorado, taught at St. Bede's College, Peru, Ill., and served as pastor of St. Benedict's parish, Carrolltown, Pa., for 34 years. He retired in 1944.
- BROTHER AMBROSE, F.S.C., professor of history and religion at Manhattan College, N. Y., died October 13, 1952, at the age of 59. Brother Ambrose served as president of the Rhode Island Secondary School Principals Association in 1926, while heading St. Raphael's Academy in Pawtucket P.
- BROTHER FRANCIS WEBER, S.M., a religious for 69 years, died October 6, 1952. Brother Francis served as a principal of high schools in Belleville, and Chicago, Ill., and Dyersville, Iowa, and taught at Chaminade College, Frontenac, Mo, from 1936 to 1946. He was 86 years of age.
- Rev. Gabriel Ryan, S.J., chairman of the economics and sociology department at Fairfield University, Conn., died September 17, 1952, as the result of an accident. Father Ryan was director of the Bridgeport chapter of the Diocesan Labor Institute.
- SISTER MARY STANISLAS DROESLER, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate, (Concluded on page 18A)



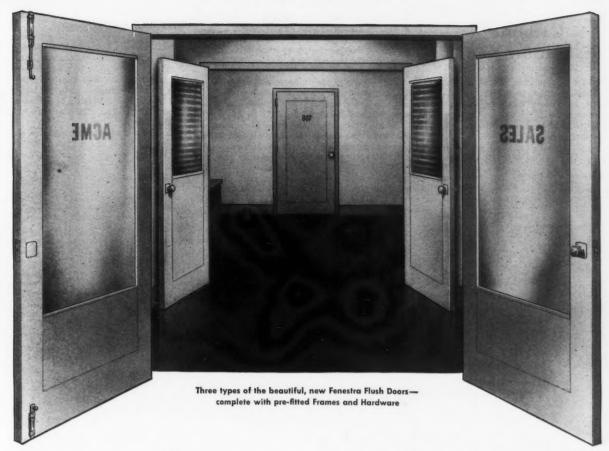
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Joliet, Ill., for 85 years, died October 14, 1952, at the motherhouse of her community. Sister Stanislas taught in many Chicago schools, at St. Francis Academy in Joliet acting as principal for 20 years, and held various responsible positions in the congregation.

#### COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Senator Speaks at Institute

A national Institute on Immigration, held in

St. Louis, October 23-24, featured a number of nationally known experts of the subject of immigration, including Senator Paul A. Douglas of Illinois. Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis sponsored the Institute, with St. Louis University serving as host.

The purpose of the Institute was to arrive at a consensus of opinion, if possible, regarding the new and controversial McCarren-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act.

Among other guest speakers were Msgr. Edward E. Swanstrom, executive director of War Relief Services of N.C.W.C.; Rev. R. A. McGowan, director of the Department of Social Action of N.C.W.C.; and Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, who acted as chairman.

#### **Duquesne Marks Anniversary**

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, celebrates its 75th anniversary this fall. The university, which started with 40 students above a bake shop in Pittsburgh, was named Duquesne in honor of the Marquis Duquesne who built Fort Duquesne in 1754 and was the first man to bring Catholic observances to Pittsburgh. The present enrollment shows 4000 students attending, with 300 teachers in 8 schools.

As part of the jubilee celebration, a new priests' community house was dedicated late in October, and ground will be broken for a new women's dormitory.

#### Businessmen's Clinic

Manhattan College, Riverdale, N. Y., has opened a businessmen's clinic especially designed for owners of businesses and employees. The clinic, sponsored by the College's school of business administration and the Bronx chamber of commerce, is divided into three general topics: retailing, manufacturing, and banking and finance. Each subject up for discussion in the weekly seminar will be moderated by a faculty member of Manhattan College and will feature a guest speaker or speakers from business and industry.

#### Iona College Accredited

An announcement has been made of the accreditation of Iona College, New Rochelle, N. Y., by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. A liberal arts college for men, Iona College was founded by the Christian Brothers of Ireland and incorporated by the Regents of the University of the State of New York on July 19, 1940.

The college is chartered, empowered to grant degrees, and has its courses of study registered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. It is a constituent member of the National Catholic Educational Association and is affiliated with the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

Iona College enrolled one of the largest student bodies since the conclusion of World War II this semester, with 1219 men attending day and evening sessions, including a record number of 341 freshmen.

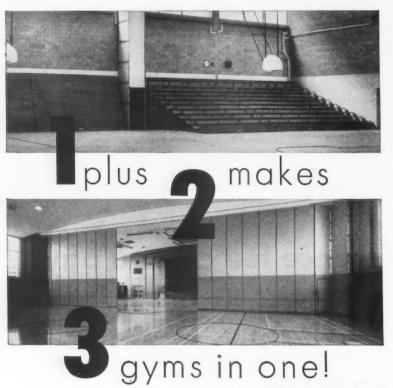
## CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY, BRENTWOOD, L. I.

The 6th annual observance of Catholic Youth Day for Suffolk and Nassau counties, New York, was held October 13, at St. Joseph's Academy, Brentwood, L. I.

A special feature of this year's observance was a "Career Bazaar" with representatives of various careers and vocations present to offer detailed information to the young people. The following careers were represented in booths: teaching (elementary, secondary, physical education); social work; police (local, state, F.B.I.); medical; dental; banking; business; salesmanship; radio and television personnel; electric refrigeration; nursing; mortician; beautician; insurance; aviation; carpentry; plumbing; pharmacy; secretarial; real estate; engineering; commercial art; advertising; interior decorating; radio and television mechanics; telephone operating and servicing; law; accountancy; the armed forces.

Special booths were designated for religious vocations showing the work of the various sisterhoods and brotherhoods, diocesan priesthood, and missionary orders.

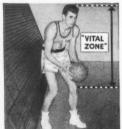
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## Building News

#### IN ILLINOIS

Rosary College, River Forest

The auditorium and fine arts building of Rosary College, under construction for more than two years, was dedicated November 2, 1952, by His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago.

The 99-room edifice houses, in addition to the auditorium, a music hall built to accommodate 260 persons, 20 music studios and practice rooms, classrooms, administration offices, two listening rooms, two dressing rooms, modern language laboratory, music education suite, three radio booths, costume and fitting rooms, a parlor, reception room, music library and stacks, a kitchenette, and a two-story stage workshop.

The auditorium is built to accommodate 748 people on the main floor and 452 in the balcony. The Fitzgerald memorial organ, a gift of Matthew J. Fitzgerald, prominent Chicago executive, adjoins the auditorium stage.

The music hall is paneled in Brazilian rosewood with alternating panels of white oak. Its foyer is paneled in red birch and white birch. The wood was especially selected as a suitable background for an imported mosaic, the gift of the late Monsignor Thomas Blackwell of Milwaukee, Wis.

#### IN MAINE

#### Immaculate Conception, Stony Point

A new school building was dedicated for Immaculate Conception parish by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, on October 5, 1952. The project consists of four classrooms with principal and nurse's offices, toilet facilities, and a boiler plant. The boiler, lavatories, and sewage disposal are sized for future addition of four classrooms.

The building is 153 feet long and 40 feet wide, with the four classrooms continuing on one side of the building, each room 32 feet by 26 feet. The exterior is of Roman brick set in block pattern at the main entrance as well as at the ends of the building. The intermediate areas are faced with concrete block and cypress sheathing. The classroom exterior window areas are made up of sectional windows with hopper type sash at the sill and fixed lights with bluish-tinted glare reducing glass.

The classroom interiors are finished with concrete block wall areas painted in pastel tints, asphalt tile flooring, with acoustical tile ceilings and 6 incandescent concentric ring fixtures. Wardrobes and teachers' closets, together with tackboards and slate blackboards line the walls. The classrooms are ventilated through a plenum chamber created by the corridors into which air is drawn through louvered openings into a storage room where a large exhaust fan expels the air to the outside.

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to provide for bilateral lighting by picking up cross lighting from the corridor areas.

The total cost of this project, with furniture and equipment, will be approximately \$100,000. The building was erected in 82 working days. The site, originally a heavily wooded area, has space area for a future rectory, church, and convent as well as a four-classroom addition.

#### IN NEW JERSEY

St. Catherine, Hillside

The new school building for St. Catherine's parish was dedicated by Most Rev. James A. McNulty, on October 11, 1952. The new building is a modern one-story structure of California "spread plan" type, and was designed so that expansion could be made at any future time, readily and economically.

Ten classrooms are laid out on the single floor in addition to a kindergarten and a combination auditorium-gymnasium which seats 675 people and includes a completely equipped stage with adjoining dressing rooms and showers. The kindergarten, at the end of one wing, has natural light sources on two sides and is equipped with its own sanitary and storage

Aluminum roll screens have been provided in corridors so that the auditorium-gymnasium section can be completely isolated from the classroom section, enabling extracurricular use of this facility.

Construction is of concrete and steel with the exterior walls finished with pink face brick, limestone trim, and random granite at the main entrance. All rooms are finished with asphalt tile, plaster walls painted in soft pastel colors, and acoustical tile ceilings; they are also equipped with steel finished windows affording the maximum of natural light.

The new building accommodates 550 pupils. Rev. John J. Finnerty is the pastor.

#### St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge

A new church and school building for St. Peter the Apostle parish was dedicated on October 4, 1952, by Most Rev. James A. McNulty. The two-story school section which faces along Fifth Avenue contains 11 classrooms and a kindergarten on the ground floor with a separate entrance.

All classrooms are attractively decorated and each is lighted by one large continuous window, the upper section of which is paneled in glass block, the lower section containing aluminum ventilating sash. Features of all classrooms are an abundance of corkboard and glass chalkboard, together with built-in wardtobes, teachers' closets, and storage closets. Each classroom is also fitted with a built-in stainless steel sink with storage cabinet above and below. All classrooms may be artificially ighted by means of three continuous rows of fluorescent fixtures. The ceilings of all rooms are finished with sound-absorbent acoustical

The school also contains a large cafeteria

and spacious kitchen fully equipped with stainless steel equipment, necessary auxiliary schoolrooms, offices, health suite, bookrooms, storage rooms, and sanitary facilities. All corridors, service rooms, lavatories, and kitchen are finished with terrazzo floors and tile walls. The rooms are equipped with the most modern sound-amplification system with intercommunication system, intercommunicating phones, and electrical fire alarm system.

The church, which adjoins the school and also fronts along Fifth Avenue, seats 950 persons. The walls of the entire church and sanctuary are finished in a two-tone pastel green and the wainscoting is light oak. The altars and other furnishings of the church are of oak, finished to match the woodwork. The church is also fitted with an electronic chime system.

Beneath the church there is a large gymnasium, 58 by 100 feet, which has a clear ceiling of 18 feet and may be used for athletic and social events. This room has shockabsorbent wood block floor; its walls are lined with tile and it has an acoustical ceiling. At one end of the auditorium there is a large fully equipped modern stage with ample shower and lavatory facilities on both sides.
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This publication is the Proceedings of the Workshop on the Christian Foundation Program in the Catholic Secondary School, conducted at the Catholic University of America, June 12 to June 22, 1951.

In an introductory chapter, Sister Mary Janet Miller, S.C., reviews the educational philosophy underlying the Christian Foundation Program of the Commission on American Citizenship, such as: Secondary education should provide an opportunity for all boys and girls to develop to the fullest extent all of their God-given talents; first consideration should be given to common learnings; the common learnings program should be integrated, with religion as the integrated, with religion as the integrating agent; the cultural and religious heritage should be utilized in preparing youth to meet the common needs of all men; the social aspects of Christian education should be given adequate attention; and students should be evaluated in terms of understandings, habits, attitudes, and the like, as well as in terms of knowledge.

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seminar groups which met in conjunction with the Workshop. A rather extensive bibliography on secondary education, reflecting the life adjustment approach, is found in Appendix I. One detects throughout this volume the basic principles set forth in Better Men for Better Times and Guiding Growth in Christian Social Living, both published within the past ten years by the Catholic University of America Press.

This volume will be most valuable for those in secondary education who doubt that the traditional curriculum is adequate and who are interested in modifying the high school offering so that it will better meet in an integrated program all the needs of all Catholic youth.

- John P. Treacy

## Opportunities in Catholic Religious

By Godfrey Poage, C.P. Cloth, 144 pp., \$2. Vocational Guidance Manuals, Inc., New York 19, N. V.

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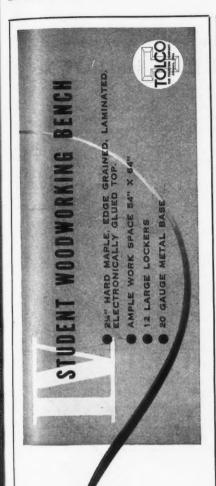
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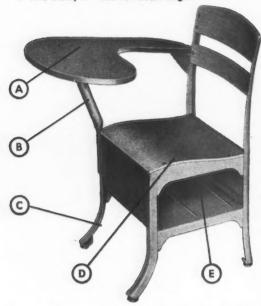
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#### Psychological Theory: Contemporary Readings

Edited by Melvin H. Marx. Cloth, 585 pp., \$5. The Macmillan Co., New York, N. Y., 1951. While one might like to see selections from

Aquinas or other philosophical psychologists, this book by Marx, is a handy collection of readings by leading scientific psychologists. The author is associate professor of psychology at the University of Missouri.

The book is divided into two parts—theory construction and theory foundations. The first part, theory construction, presents many of the points of view found in modern scientific psychol-The part on theory foundation deals with perception, learning, psychodynamics, personality, and social interaction. As well as an index, the book has a very extensive list of readings, ten pages, which are grouped under the subjects of the chapter headings. - Richard S. Fitzpatrick.

#### Adventure in Mental Health

Edited by Henry S. Maas. Cloth, 324 pp., \$4.50. Columbia University Press, New York, N. Y.,

In this book, subtitled "Psychiatric Social Work with the Armed Forces in World War II," Dr. Maas of the human development department of the University of Chicago has brought together the work of sixteen specialists in the field including

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In addition to an editor's preface, notes about the authors, and an index, the book includes three appendices dealing with the organizational structure of mental hygiene units as well as treatment and training programs

- Richard S. Fitzpatrick

#### Charles Willson Peale

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By Berta N. Briggs. Cloth, 262 pp., \$2.80. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, N. Y. This is a volume in the series of biographies, "They Made America." It is a typical American success story, this account of the life of one of the few great Colonial portrait artists, a man who began life as a saddler, taught himself the trade of watch-and-clock repairing and then stumbled of watch-and-clock repairing, and then stumbled onto painting, and in spite of reverses and trou-bles made himself a great portrait painter, gaining fortune and fame in the course of his long and eventful life.

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#### Modern Chemistry, Revised

By Charles E. Dull, William O. Brooks, and H. Clark Metcalfe. Cloth, 564 pp. Henry Holt & Co., Inc., New York, N. Y. This revised edition of an all-purpose textbook

for use in secondary schools contains the theory necessary for such a course as well as sufficient

descriptive material to form a suitable course of instruction for those who do not plan to go to college. The authors have purposely included more material than can be covered in one school year so that material best meeting local needs may be selected for study.

In endeavoring to make the book truly modern, both in chemical theory and in descriptive chemistry, the authors have eliminated discarded theories and outmoded ideas, and have used simple lan-guage and many timely photographs throughout.

#### Operation Miriam

A "study of Atheistic Communism in action and the challenge that confronts it," by Sister Mary Alma of the Maryknoll Sisters. Heavy paper, 64 pp., 50 cents. Maryknoll Bookshelf, Maryknoll P. O., New York.

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## New Books

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#### Life of Christ, Popular Edition

By Guiseppe Ricciotti, translated by Alba Zizzamia, abridged and edited by Aloysius Croft. Cloth, 402 pp., \$3.50. The Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee 1, Wis.

This is a shortened edition of the Life of Christ that has been acclaimed a classic of scholarship, research, and masterful writing. The book has been edited and shortened to its present form so

that the cost and size of the original volume would no longer be obstacles to the wide circulation the publishers feel this book deserves. Revisions have eliminated part of the critical introduction and other scholarly material, cutting the book to one half its initial size. It is, nevertheless, still the crisp, intelligent, interpretative biography the author meant it to be, now abridged to make it available to all thinking Catholics, layman and clergy alike.

#### An Evaluation of Catholic Elementary School Teachers' Pre-Service Education, A Dissertation

By Sister M. Brideen Long, F.S.C. Heavy paper, 99 pp., \$1.50. Published by the Catholic University of America Press, Washington, D. C. A dissertation including sections on, for example, trends in education of Sisters during the past decade, professional education of the Sisters, guidance given the prospective teachers, understanding the learner and the process of learning, methods of teaching, appraisal of pupil, and many more.

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#### State Provisions for School Lunch **Programs**

Compiled by Myrtis K. Jeffers. Paper, 40 pp., 20 cents. Bulletin No. 4, 1952. U. S. Office of Education, Washington 25, D. C.

This study supplies the answers to inquiries about the administration of the school lunch program in the various states. It gives detailed information regarding the types of state laws and the varying forms of school lunch organization, as well as information about the state school lunch personnel. It includes appendices covering

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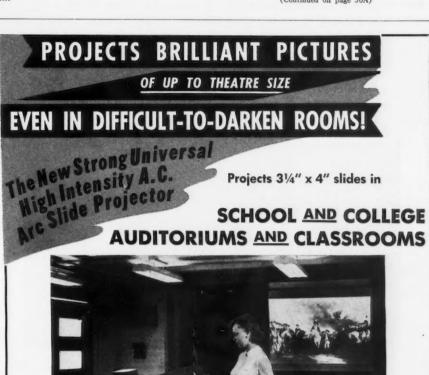
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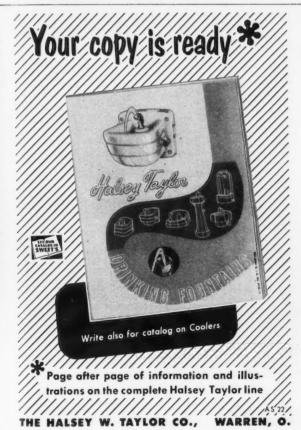
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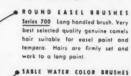
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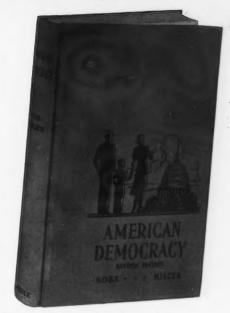
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